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Subject: GEORGE ABRAMOVICH KOVAL

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: , Newark, N. J.,
stated that subject, **WILLIAM A. ROSE**, and
 are unknown to him.

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DETAILS: On February 29, 1956,
 Newark, New Jersey, advised
SA that the subject, **WILLIAM A. ROSE**, and
 are unknown to him.

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During the interview with [redacted] he stated that recently he had met [redacted] of GARFUNKEL, INC., Hoboken Ave., Jersey City, N. J. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had been his replacement with the RAVEN ELECTRIC CO., NYC, and would possibly be in a position to furnish information regarding employees of the RAVEN ELECTRIC CO. subsequent to 1941. Newark indices contain only reference to a [redacted] in connection with [redacted] (NY 65-14743), and no references regarding instant investigation.

In view of this, the Newark Office does not know whether [redacted] has ever been interviewed and requests the New York Office to advise if this interview should be conducted and to what extent.

LEADSNEWARK OFFICEAT RIVER EDGE, N. J.

Will attempt to locate [redacted] per New York airtel dated 2/21/56.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] 1/11/56, New York.

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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>KOVAL's aunt, GOLDIE GURSHTEL, at Los Angeles, California, on 12/5/55, received correspondence from "M. KOVAL, S. Cayetano, F.C.G.R., Republic of Argentina." Informants advise other relatives of subject at Los Angeles had no pertinent contacts during 12/55. Two informants, both admitted former Soviet Agents, advise KOVAL unknown to them. [redacted] wife of a former admitted Soviet Agent, advises one photograph of KOVAL bears some resemblance to Soviet Agent known to her as "SAM" whom she contacted in New York City January, 1945 and received funds from him while [redacted] was serving in U. S. Army. [redacted] of KOVAL, advises she has not seen KOVAL since 9/48. She partially identified other contacts of KOVAL in 1948, furnished additional background and a photograph of KOVAL and unknown woman possibly taken sometime in 1947. [redacted] advises in 12/50, she met an unknown man and woman at New Year's party in Los Angeles who told her they had met KOVAL in Paris during 1949 or 1950. Investigation continuing.</p> <p>7-8-02 CLASSIFIED BY SP3 BTJ/CA DECLASSIFY ON: 25X (1)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>AGENCY CIA, RAB, AEC, State + G-2 (photo stat) REQ. REC'D DATE FORW 3-29-56 HOW FORW R/S BY EME:ark</p> <p>ENCLOSURE CLASSIFIED BY SP3 BTJ/CA ON 4/11/01 927438</p>			
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CONTACTS OF HARRY AND GOLDIE GURSHTEL, UNCLE
AND AUNT OF SUBJECT, WHO RESIDE AT 15203
HARTSOOK AVENUE, SHERMAN OAKS, CALIFORNIA

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 7, 1955, that no telephone toll calls were made from Webster 4-9339, listed for HARRY GURSHTEL, 15203 Hartsook Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, between May and October, 1955.

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 27, 1955, that correspondence was received by HARRY or GOLDIE GURSHTEL, 15203 Hartsook Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, as follows:

December 5, 1955, from "M. KOVAL, S. Cayetano, F.C.G.R., Republic of Argentina."

December 9, 1955, from unidentified sender from Israel.

December 10, 1955, from SALTZMAN, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa.

December 10, 1955, from []
Cooper Station, New York 3, New York.

December 13, 1955, from unknown person, 80 East 11th Street, New York City.

[] advised that other correspondence was received between November 27 and December 27, 1955, of a commercial nature or publications.

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CONTACTS OF SARAH BEGUN, SUBJECT'S AUNT,
1209 NORTH ORANGE GROVE AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,
AND 1425 NORTH FORMOSA AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

[] advised on November 7, 1955, that he could furnish no information concerning pertinent contacts of SARAH BEGUN at 1209 North Orange Grove Avenue, Los Angeles, or 1425 North Formosa Avenue between May and November, 1955.

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 27, 1955, that no correspondence was received by SARAH BEGUN at 1209 North Orange Grove Avenue, Los Angeles, or 1425 North Formosa Avenue, Los Angeles, between November 27 and December 27, 1955.

CONTACTS OF PEARL SILVER, SUBJECT'S AUNT,
WHO RESIDES AT 1209 NORTH ORANGE GROVE AVENUE,
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

[] advised on November 7, 1955, that he could furnish no information regarding contacts made with PEARL SILVER, 1209 North Orange Grove Avenue, Los Angeles, between May and November, 1955.

[] advised on December 19, 1955, that on December 2, 1955, correspondence was received by Mrs. PEARL SILVER, 1209 North Orange Grove Avenue, Los Angeles from "SILVER, Marionette, Arizona," reflecting no postmark date.

It is noted that [] PEARL SILVER, resides at [] Marionette, Arizona. CALIF.

[] advised that no further pertinent correspondence was received by PEARL SILVER during the period November 27 to December 27, 1955.

CONTACTS OF [] SUBJECT'S COUSIN,
WHO RESIDES AT []
APARTMENT #7, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 21, 1955, that on September 10, 1955, the following telegram was sent from telephone number Hollywood 7-2296 listed for [] Apartment #7:

"Congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life together. Signed [redacted]"

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The message was addressed to [redacted]
Hebrew Tabernacle, 605 West 161st Street, New York City,
New York.

[redacted] advised on November 7, 1955, that he could furnish no information regarding pertinent contacts made by [redacted] Los Angeles.

[redacted] advised on December 5, 1955, that correspondence was received by [redacted] Marionette, Arizona," postmark illegible. *CALL*

It is noted that [redacted]
SILVER resides at Marionette, Arizona.

[redacted] could advise of no other pertinent correspondence received by [redacted] during the period November 27, to December 27, 1955.

Records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles, California, were searched and reported by SE [redacted] on October 27, 1955. These records reflected a report dated October 6, 1954, regarding [redacted] who then resided at [redacted] Los Angeles, with former address as [redacted] Los Angeles. His occupation was shown as student; her occupation as housewife and employed at the Los Angeles County Hospital as medical stenographer. This report reflects [redacted] served in the United States Army during 1953 and prior thereto was a student at a Los Angeles college for four years. On July 14, 1955, [redacted] was reported as an accountant for Davidson, Grover and Company, 6399 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California. *CALL*

The indices of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect no pertinent information identifiable with [redacted]

INFORMATION REGARDING [redacted] SUBJECT'S COUSIN

[redacted] Officers. Corcoran, California, Police Department, advised SA [redacted] on

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November 18, 1955, that [] formerly lived near the Farmers Lumber Company, Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, and was employed by the J. G. Boswell Ranch Company at Corcoran, California, as a ranch foreman. [] advised that [] boarded at her home for about two years and had no visitors or made any long distance telephone calls from her residence. She stated he was married during the Summer of 1955.

~~SECRET~~ (U) [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 18 and October 21, 1955, that eighteen telephone toll calls were made from Corcoran, California, telephone number 694M and 632M, listed for [] between April, 1954, and August, 1955. These toll calls were made to Oakland, California, telephone numbers BE 7-4122, BE 7-9122, BE 4-4780 and TH 5-4780, and Los Angeles telephone number WYoming 0232. T-5 advised that numerous other telephone toll calls were made during the same period by [] to persons at Corcoran, Fresno, Lemoore, Hanford and Tulare, California, none of which could be identified as GEORGE KOVAL.

[] employees of the J. G. Boswell Ranch Company at Corcoran, advised SA [] on November 18, 1955, that [] had been employed for this firm for about five years. He formerly resided at Corcoran, California, but had moved to Hanford, California, about October, 1955. They advised that he married one [] of Los Angeles, California, at Los Angeles, about July, 1955. They stated that [] and his wife had resided at [] Hanford, California, but in November, 1955, his wife were transferred by the J. G. Boswell Ranch Company to their operation near Marionette, Arizona.

Indices of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contained no pertinent information identifiable with either [] or []

CONTACT OF INFORMANTS REGARDING
ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES OF GEORGE KOVAL

[] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who has admitted being a Soviet Agent in Los Angeles, California, from 1936 to 1943, advised on February 10, 1956, after observing a photograph of GEORGE KOVAL that he did not recognize KOVAL as anyone known by him during his contacts in [] from 1936 to 1943 in Los Angeles, California.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who admitted engaging in espionage activities in the United States for the Soviets from about 1933 to 1937, advised on February 14, 1956, after observing a photograph of GEORGE KOVAL that he failed to recognize KOVAL as anyone known by him nor did he recognize the name KOVAL as connected in any way with the espionage operation with which he was familiar.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ [redacted] Hollywood, California, was interviewed by SA [redacted] on February 8 and 21, 1956. [redacted] deceased, a former self-admitted Soviet Espionage Agent at Los Angeles and New York City. [redacted] has furnished reliable information in the past. After viewing a photograph of GEORGE KOVAL she stated that this photograph taken in March, 1948, bears some resemblance to an unknown Soviet Agent which she has previously identified as "SAM," with whom she had been in contact in New York City in January, 1945, and who had paid her \$100.00 during the absence of her husband who was in the United States Army. [redacted] said the photograph of KOVAL bore the following points of similarity with "SAM:" long narrow face, somewhat asthenic and scholarly, dark hair and eyes. [redacted] could not positively identify the photograph of KOVAL as being identical with the person she described as "SAM," nor could she state positively that he was identical. She did state that of all the pictures she has seen of persons possibly connected with her husband, this photograph of KOVAL is the closest resemblance she had ever seen to the man whom she met and received some money from in New York City in 1945. [redacted] suggested that she would desire to view other photographs of KOVAL in other poses with the idea of confirming or eliminating the possible identification of KOVAL as SAM.

On February 21, 1956, a second photograph of KOVAL presenting a different nose which reportedly was taken sometime in 1947, was shown to [redacted]. She stated that the photograph bore no resemblance to the unknown Soviet Agent known to her as "SAM."

In regard to "SAM," [redacted] advised SA [redacted] on April 23, 1951 and SA [redacted], on January 28, 1953, as follows:

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She stated that early in October, 1945 [] advised her that he was quitting his job in Los Angeles and they were going to return to New York. In her opinion this was being done on specific instructions from [] Soviet superior, [] She stated they left Los Angeles in about October, 1944, by train. She said they resided with friends in New York City until [] was inducted into the Army. She stated [] was inducted into the Army on January 12, 1945, and a few days prior to the time, he told her he wanted her to meet a particular person so that this unidentified individual could keep in contact with her and that the individual would furnish her with money from time to time and see that she was taken care of during his absence. She stated she fully understood this unidentified person was connected with her husband's undercover activities for [] Accordingly, arrangements were made for her to meet this individual on a particular street corner, near the Presbyterian Medical Center, Broadway and 160th Street, New York City. She recalls she took a subway to this meeting which occurred in the evening about 8:30 p. m. [] left the subway in the vicinity of Broadway and 160th Street and walked to the designated corner and waited outside a coffee shop. She entered the coffee shop and ordered a cup of coffee. While there, another individual entered the shop and also ordered coffee, who was looking her over carefully. [] left the coffee shop at the exact time the meeting was to take place and was followed from the coffee shop by the individual she noticed in the shop. This individual then approached her and asked her a question which had previously been agreed upon concerning asking directions to a particular address. [] gave the correct answer and they proceeded together to a small restaurant in the vicinity and had dinner. During the meeting the subject identified himself merely as "SAM." During the meeting "SAM" asked general questions about [] general financial condition. "SAM" gave [] \$100.00 in cash in an envelope which contained five \$20.00 bills, and told her that the money was payment for two months. The above meeting lasted about thirty minutes and "SAM" indicated upon departure that he would call her by telephone at her apartment which would be a signal to her that he wanted to see her and she should proceed to the same place at the same time on Saturday or Sunday. "SAM" also indicated he would furnish [] with \$50.00 per month during the time [] was in the Army.

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At the time of her interview in 1953, [] described "SAM" as:

Age	37 or 37 years
Height	5' 6" - 5' 7"
Weight	150
Build	Slight
Complexion	Dark, swarthy
Hair	Dark, good amount
Dress	Well dressed
Eyes	Dark, wore thick glasses
Speech	Good English, no accent.
Characteristics	Heavy beard

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In this connection it is noted that [] of GEORGE KOVAL, advised on February 28, 1956, that KOVAL was 6 feet tall and weighed 175 to 185 pounds.

It is also noted that [] Avenue, Los Angeles, advised SA [] on July 13, 1955, that he knew KOVAL as an ASTP student at City College of New York (CCNY) in 1943 and 1944 and that both he and KOVAL left CCNY for Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in July or August of 1944 for permanent assignment.

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[] a fellow student of KOVAL at CCNY, advised SA [] on May 25, 1955, that he knew KOVAL at CCNY during the Fall of 1943 and was in contact with KOVAL until July, 1944, at which time KOVAL was assigned to the Atomic Energy Installation, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He stated after World War II he renewed his acquaintanceship with KOVAL when the latter returned to CCNY in the Fall of 1946 to complete his studies in electrical engineering.

In view of the above, it is possible that KOVAL was not in New York during January, 1945.

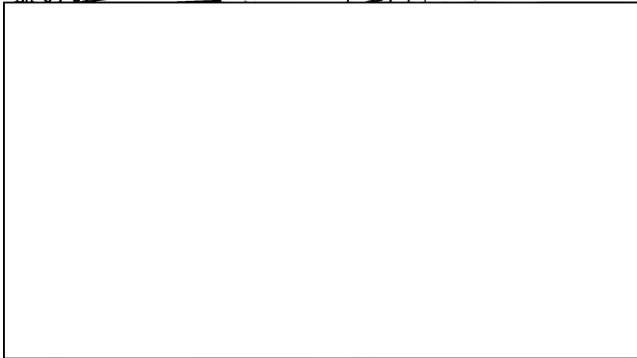
INTERVIEW OF []
[] OF GEORGE KOVAL

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Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Los Angeles County, California, were searched and reported by SE [] on January 26, 1956. These records, Book #3620, page []

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[redacted] was located and interviewed
at her residence [redacted] La Verne, California, by
SA [redacted] on February 20, 1956.

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She advised that [redacted] formerly attended CCNY in 1948 and were members of an honorary fraternity to which GEORGE KOVAL also belonged. [redacted] had many classes with KOVAL at CCNY. She said she first met GEORGE KOVAL through [redacted] one night during March, 1948, while the members of this fraternity were bowling in a league at alleys near CCNY. She advised she was immediately attracted to KOVAL and began dating him almost at once. She said KOVAL was then residing in the Bronx not far from her residence which was [redacted], but she could not recall the exact name of the street or the address number. She said KOVAL lived in a sort of rooming house. She recalled he was working part time for an electrical supply company in New York. She recalled the name of this company sounded like Ace Electrical Company, but could not be positive. She stated to the best of her recollection this company was located on 23rd Street in New York City.

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She advised she dated KOVAL regularly from March until the latter part of September, 1948, when they [redacted]

[redacted] When he failed to call her within a week or so, she called his rooming house and learned from his landlady he had departed for Europe the day before this call was made. She said [redacted] and KOVAL [redacted]

[redacted] never seen him again or been in contact with him since she last saw him in the latter part of September, 1948. She said on the last night she saw him he took her to an exhibition regarding the atomic bomb which was held in New York City near Lexington Avenue in a big building. She stated this was a public affair and KOVAL had stated he hoped that by attending this exhibition he might bump into old friends which he had known and worked with at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during the war. She said she did not recall him meeting anyone that he knew and he was noticeably disturbed by this fact and it was after this exhibition en route home that the quarrel occurred between she and KOVAL.

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She stated that she and her family departed New York and came to the Los Angeles area in September, 1949. She said in December, 1950, she recalls attending a New Year's Eve party at an unknown address in West Los Angeles with a casual date whose name she recalls as [redacted] who *Calif* lived on Saturn Avenue in Los Angeles. At this party she recalls having met a man and woman whose last name was either [redacted] who told her they were associated with the Signet Laboratories in Los Angeles. These people, she recalled, by chance conversation mentioned that they knew GEORGE KOVAL who had attended CCNY and further that they had met him in Paris, France, during either 1949 or 1950. [redacted] stated she has not seen these two people since nor can she furnish any further information as to their identity. She states this was the last occasion of her being in the presence of [redacted] and could not furnish his present address or employment. She stated further this is the only instance in which she has met anyone who has ever heard of GEORGE KOVAL since his departure from New York for Europe in October, 1948.

She advised that KOVAL told her about his earlier life as follows: He said he was born in Sioux City, Iowa; that his parents were involved in some very peculiar religion and his earlier life because of family activities in this religious group was very unhappy. He described himself as a *Tea*

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brilliant student in high school and had graduated several years before others of his same age. He attended the University of Iowa during the early 1930's. He said when he was about 17 years old he left his parents and later learned they had both died. He claimed to be an only child. His parents had relatives in Sioux City, Iowa, but after their death, these relatives lost interest in KOVAL and he stated he has had no contact with them since the early 1930's. He told her he did not know whether they still live in Sioux City or had moved elsewhere. He told her he had pursued several types of employment, including a period when he was a radio announcer but she did not recall where he said he was so employed. He did not advise her or discuss with her ever having left the United States or any information regarding contacts or acquaintances. She recalls no mention by him concerning Russia or any foreign residences. She later heard that he had gone to France and recalls that several weeks prior to their quarrel she observed him studying intently a handbook regarding the French Language.

KOVAL told her during their acquaintance he had worked on the atomic bomb at Oak Ridge, Tennessee while serving in the United States Army during World War II. In 1948, he told her of his employment with the electrical supply firm on 23rd Street in New York and his potential for foreign travel during this employment. He never mentioned to her to what foreign countries he planned to travel or the exact nature of his employment.

[redacted] recalls only two trips made by KOVAL. The first trip was early in 1948, possibly the latter part of March, 1948, when KOVAL travelled to Washington, D. C. According to his remarks at this time she recalls he had a special interest in attending an exhibition regarding some paintings which had been found by the U. S. occupying forces of Germany which were then being exhibited in a museum somewhere in Washington, D. C. She recalled he was gone on this trip for several days, possibly over a long weekend. Again in the Summer of 1948, he left for a trip, having told her he was going to the Middle West for business purposes. She recalls now that this trip might have been made to Kansas City, Missouri, or at least she states the name of this city comes to her mind when she thinks of this second trip. She said he was gone about ten days. She states she assumed this business trip concerned his current employment with the electrical supply company on 23rd Street in New York City.

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Among his associates met [redacted] from March, 1948, to September, 1948, she met a physics instructor at CCNY who was considered by KOVAL as among his best friends. This instructor's name was recalled to her only as [redacted] who lived in a basement apartment on [redacted]. She stated KOVAL [redacted] and she went to the apartment of this instructor on several occasions and while there met other persons whose names are not now recalled by her. She described these acquaintances as "intellectuals who dressed and acted like a bunch of Bohemians." She said these visits were many but she was not impressed by any of the other people met there and recalls none of them by name. She stated she called [redacted] after KOVAL's disappearance and was told by him that KOVAL had gone to France. 11.24

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[redacted] also recalls KOVAL was an enthusiastic tennis player and told her of two very close friends who were also tennis enthusiasts with whom he had visited in Boston, Massachusetts, where they had played tennis together. This all occurred prior to the time she met KOVAL. She does not recall any trips made by KOVAL to Boston during their acquaintance.

She also recalls KOVAL was closely associated with a zoology professor at Columbia University during 1948. She does not recall having met this professor, but recalls KOVAL spoke of this acquaintance in connection with his interest in zoology.

[redacted] stated that sometime about 1949 she read an article in a fraternity newsletter to which KOVAL had belonged that a committee of fraternity members had been formed to locate KOVAL but had had no success.

She characterized KOVAL as one who had never openly displayed any indication of interest in Communism or Soviet Russia. She said he was an extreme baseball fan and took her to see many baseball games during the Summer of 1948. She said he could recount the history of most any big league pitcher and state statistics regarding them with seeming ease. He was also an ardent reader of WALT WHITMAN.

She stated [redacted] who has within the past few years changed his name [redacted] in San Fernando, California, was best acquainted with KOVAL and could possibly furnish some additional information regarding him. She said that prior to KOVAL's interest in her, 11.24

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he palled around with [] for quite some time.

She advised []
 San Fernando, California, and []
 Avenue, Sepulveda, California, knew KOVAL only slightly but
 also attended CCNY at about the same time as KOVAL.

On February 28, 1956, [] advised SA []
 she now recalls that on one occasion KOVAL
 and the CCNY instructor known to her as [] on one occasion
 took her to a very fashionable apartment duplex on 77th Street
 off 5th Avenue in New York City, which they told her was the
 apartment of a girlfriend of [] She recalls
 that [] and her parents at this time were on a trip to
 Europe; that [] was a painter and many of her works were
 displayed in each room of this apartment. While in Europe, she
 sent [] a case of champagne. She also learned that
 [] had another sister whose name she did not know. This
 was supposed to have written [] constantly during
 this trip. It was [] impression that KOVAL was
 not impressed with this [] and, in fact, attempted to
 disinterest [] by pointing out [] weaknesses.

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She described KOVAL as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	American
Height	6'
Weight	175 - 185
Build	Slender, broad shoulders and muscular arms
Hair	Mouse brown, thin and straight
Eyes	Dark, wore glasses
Scars and Mark	None
Clothes	Usually wore a suit coat. MORDETZKY states he is not clothes conscious.

[] furnished SA [] on
 February 20, 1956, a snapshot of KOVAL and an unknown woman
 which she states was probably taken sometime during the Summer
 of 1947. She states she does not recall exactly the source
 of this snapshot and, therefore, can offer no suggestions
 as to the identity of the unknown woman. She states that the

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photograph displayed to her of KOVAL taken March, 1948, in connection with his passport application is a very good likeness and that the photograph which was furnished by her was a good likeness of that particular pose.

[redacted] advised that she would be glad to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and if any further information came to her knowledge concerning KOVAL which might be helpful to the FBI she would contact the Los Angeles Office of the FBI.

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ENCLOSURES

TO THE BUREAU

Two (2) photographs of GEORGE KOVAL and unknown woman.

TO NEW YORK

Two (2) photographs of GEORGE KOVAL and unknown woman

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By Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated 1/5/56, the Bureau was advised of correspondence received by GOLDIE GURSHTEL, subject's aunt, from "M. KOVAL, S. Cayetano, F.C.G.R., Republic of Argentina" on 12/5/55, and the Bureau was requested

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[redacted] By the same letter the Phoenix Office was advised of the current residence and employment of [redacted] and requested to cause mail covers and telephone toll covers be placed concerning [redacted] and advised them of the Bureau's interest in possible interview of this relative of KOVAL.

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By separate letter, Los Angeles is requesting permission of the Bureau to interview those relatives of KOVAL who reside in the Los Angeles area for any information they might have concerning his present location and other background information of interest in this investigation.

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The snapshot of KOVAL furnished by [redacted] on 2/21/56, was duplicated and enlarged at the Los Angeles Office and copies of this photograph are being forwarded to the Bureau and New York Office for the completion of those files concerning KOVAL.

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Copies of this report are being designated for the Washington Field Office and Boston in view of information furnished by [redacted] that KOVAL has made trips to Boston to visit close acquaintances and to Washington, D. C., regarding his interest in a painting exhibition and in the event there are more definite leads at a later date for these offices regarding possible contacts by KOVAL with Soviets during these reported trips.

The possible identification of KOVAL as "SAM" made by [redacted] when shown photograph of KOVAL refers to Bureau case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa. 'Sam;' Contact of [redacted] ESPIONAGE - R," Bufile 65-61540, New York file 65-16245, Los Angeles file 65-5578

INFORMANTS

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Office, Los Angeles, by letter to the SAC.
Los Angeles, 12/27/55, regarding a [REDACTED]

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NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

1. Will attempt to locate [redacted] who was recipient of a telegram from [redacted] on 9/10/55, and ascertain whether possibly identical with GEORGE KOVAL.
2. Will consider reinterview of [redacted] former acquaintance of KOVAL and possibly identical with the [redacted] known to [redacted] regarding mutual friend known as [redacted] with whom he and KOVAL were in contact in 1948.

Will exhibit to [redacted] photograph of KOVAL and unknown woman for his possible identification of this woman for eventual interview.
3. Will ascertain whether subject possibly employed at Ace Electrical Supply Company on 23rd Street in New York City in 1948.
4. Will consider the possibility of identifying unknown acquaintance of KOVAL described as zoology professor at Columbia University during 1948 and the two persons described by KOVAL as tennis enthusiasts with whom he visited at Boston prior to March, 1948.

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NEW YORK DIVISION (Continued)

5. Will further identify one [redacted]
[redacted] New York 3, New York, who was
a correspondent of HARRY GURSHTEL, subject's uncle,
on 12/10/55.

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Will identify unknown individual of [redacted]
[redacted] New York City, who was a correspondent of
H. GURSHTEL, subject's uncle, on 12/13/55.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

1. Will interview [redacted]
San Fernando, California; [redacted]
Serrulveda, California; and [redacted]
[redacted] San Fernando, California.
2. Will attempt to further identify and locate [redacted]
[redacted] and interview him concerning the address
at which the New Year's Party was held in 12/50,
where [redacted] met unknown man and woman who
claimed to have met KOVAL in Paris in either
1949 or 1950.
3. Will attempt to identify at the Signet Laboratories
the name of any person similar to [redacted]
and interview concerning their knowledge of KOVAL.
4. Will upon receipt of Bureau authority interview
GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL, PEARL SILVER, SARAH BEGUN,
and EUGENE SILVER, relatives of the subject who
reside in Los Angeles, California.

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two (2) photographs of GEORGE KOVAL and unknown woman
probably taken sometime during Summer of 1947).

GEORGE KOVAL
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GEORGE KOVAL and unknown woman (probably
taken sometime during Summer of 1947).

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 3/9/56

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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(OO: New York)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Re LAlet to Bureau 5/3/55, and New York letter to
Director 10/12/55, and report of SA [redacted] dated
3/9/56, at Los Angeles, California, five copies of which
are enclosed.

Investigation conducted at Los Angeles reveals the
following relatives of GEORGE KOVAL reside as follows:

PEARL SILVER, aunt, 1209 North Orange Grove
Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

[redacted]
Rosewood Avenue, Los Angeles.

HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTL, uncle and aunt, 15203
Hartsok Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California.

SARAH BEGUN, aunt, 1425 North Formosa Avenue,
Los Angeles.

Referenced letter dated 5/3/55, reflects all the
subversive information appearing in the files of the Los Angeles
Office pertaining to HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTL, PEARL SILVER
and SARAH BEGUN.

Los Angeles indices reflect no information identifiable
with [redacted]

None of the above-named relatives are currently in-
cluded on the Security Index of the Los Angeles Office.

It is further noted that [redacted]

[redacted] of GEORGE KOVAL in 1948,
when interviewed 2/21/56, by SA [redacted] advised that
KOVAL told her in 1948 he had had no contact with relatives
of his parents since he left home when he was about 17 years
old.

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Bureau authority is, therefore, requested to interview each of the above relatives of KOVAL as suggested on page 2 of referenced New York letter dated 10/12/55.

It is felt these interviews might prove profitable in possibly uncovering information as to KOVAL's present whereabouts as well as his activities and whereabouts since 1948. Los Angeles has developed no information which would preclude these interviews or reflect any reason to suspect the Bureau might be embarrassed as a result of these contemplated interviews.

If Bureau authority is granted to interview these relatives, the interview of HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL will be deferred until such time as the [redacted]

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If any of these persons are cooperative, the interview will be restricted to pertinent data concerning GEORGE KOVAL and no effort made to interview any of these persons regarding other subversive activities in Communist Party front groups, and likewise no efforts will be made to develop any of these persons as security informants or direct their activities to any extent. Upon completion of these interviews, the Bureau will be promptly advised by report.

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Interviews with following listed relatives
of subject authorized.

Pearl Silver.

Harry and Golda Gurshtel,
Sarah Begun.

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NOTE: George Kval, suspected Soviet espionage agent, was formerly assigned to Atomic project at Oak Ridge, Tenn., (1944-45). In 1948 he departed U.S. for Europe and efforts to ascertain current whereabouts have been unsuccessful. Bufiles reflect relatives probably pro-Soviet but LA has advised that that office had developed no information which would preclude interviews or reflect any reason to suspect the Bureau might be embarrassed thereby. Believed interviews may uncover information as to subject's present whereabouts. L.A. Has ^{DETENTION} ~~FILED~~ INFO. IN BUREAU FILES.

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Date: March 26, 1956

To: Director (Orig & 1) BY COURIER SERVICE
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 H Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
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We would appreciate being advised as to any information you may have been able to develop in answer to our request of January 16, 1956.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] advised employed with Raven Electric Company (REC) during 1943. Identified photograph of subject as **GEORGE KOVAL**. "a close acquaintance" of [redacted]

[redacted] described as [redacted] denied knowledge re subject's background, present whereabouts, and nature of association with [redacted]. Information obtained as result of interviews with faculty members, CCNY, reflected the following: During 1944 - 1945, while member US Army, subject assigned Manhattan Engineering District (MED) at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and later at Dayton, Ohio. Following graduation, CCNY, 1948, subject recommended for position at Amintas Corporation, NYC, which position he declined. During 1947 - 1948, subject member Eta Lambda Nu Fraternity. No information recalled re subject's activities or statements while at CCNY suggesting his involvement in subversive activities. Subject's present whereabouts unknown. [redacted]

[redacted] a member of subject's Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) class, CCNY, described as possibly being in contact with subject, 1950 or 1951. [redacted] interviewed and stated last contact with the subject at MED, Oak Ridge Tennessee, during 1944. [redacted] advised subject transferred from Oak Ridge to MED, Dayton area office, Miamisburg, Ohio. [redacted] described [redacted] Los Angeles, California, as [redacted] at MED, Oak Ridge, [redacted] last

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS CONT'D:

known address reported as [redacted] River Edge, NJ. Information re S. GERTZ, GRACE LUBOR and WILLIAM A. ROSE set forth.

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DETAILS:

INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

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[redacted] Bronx, New York,
was interviewed by [redacted]
[redacted] on January 31, 1956, and stated as follows:

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RUSSIA He was employed as a "delivery truck driver" with the ~~Saven~~ Electric Company (REC), New York City. [redacted] during the entire year of 1943. He terminated his employment with the REC because he "couldn't" [redacted] He was unable to furnish any background information concerning [redacted] stating that his association with [redacted] was restricted to the period of his employment at the REC during 1943.

NDLOG He identified a photograph of the subject as GEORGE KOVAL, "a close acquaintance of [redacted] who worked for the REC during the early 1940's". He met KOVAL while the latter was employed at the REC, and recalled that his son, [redacted] also was acquainted with the subject. He denied having knowledge concerning the subject's background, and present whereabouts, or information regarding the nature of the association between [redacted] and the subject.

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[redacted] is confidential source abroad advised the following information during July, 1952 attributed to [redacted] whom [redacted] has described as having supplied accurate information in the past, but who has apparently withheld information on various occasions.

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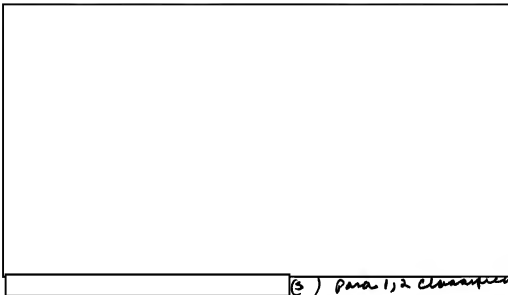
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INTERVIEWS WITH FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE
CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK (CCNY)

On January 26, 1956, SAS [redacted] interviewed the indicated faculty members of the City College of New York, whose specific comments concerning the subject will be set forth. In addition to the specific comments, each of the faculty members stated as follows:

The subject is recalled as an "excellent student" in the Electrical Engineering Department of CCNY, who attended that college during 1943 - 1944, and 1946 - 1948. His recalled statements and activities while at CCNY did not suggest that he was involved in subversive activity and did not arouse any suspicion concerning his loyalty to the United States Government.

He is recalled to have avoided discussions concerning his early background, but it is believed that

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he stated his parents died during his childhood. No information could be recalled concerning the identities of any associates he may have had outside his college activities, nor could information be recalled which would be of assistance to determine his present whereabouts.

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[redacted] Engineering

When KOVAL completed his studies at CCNY during 1948, he indicated he was interested in foreign employment either in Israel or Poland. During 1948, a postcard was received from the subject, which was mailed in Paris, France. The postcard did not reflect a return address. No additional correspondence has been received from the subject since that time.

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[redacted] Engineering

It is recalled that the subject stated during his service with the United States Army (1944-1945) he was assigned to the Manhattan Engineering District (MED) at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and according to statements subsequently made by the subject, he was transferred from Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to the MED at Dayton, Ohio.

The subject did not comment concerning the nature of his assignments at Oak Ridge or Dayton, but this information might possibly be known to other members of the subject's Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) class, inasmuch as the entire class was assigned to Oak Ridge following the completion of their training at CCNY in 1944. The subject's ASTP class was described as a "highly selective group of young Army men", selected by the United States Army on the basis of aptitude

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tests. The faculty of CCNY exerted no influence regarding the assignments the class received, but only instructed the trainees in accordance with United States Army instructions.

It is noted that [redacted] denied having assigned the subject a project to dismantle a classified bombsight while the latter was enrolled in CCNY, stating that the college has never utilized classified material in connection with laboratory experiments.

It is noted that [redacted] CCNY, is listed as a reference by the subject in an employment application executed by the latter for the MED during 1944. *NY*

It is also noted that [redacted] CCNY, when interviewed on November 29, 1955, by SAS [redacted] stated that while the subject and [redacted] were students at CCNY, they had been assigned a highly technical project to dismantle a classified bombsight, by either [redacted]

[redacted] at CCNY.

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Department

Just subsequent to his graduation during the summer of 1948, the subject was recommended by Professor [redacted] for employment with a New York City import-export company, known as Amintas Corporation, located at 50 Broadway, New York City. It is recalled that KOVAL declined the position at the time it was offered to him.

[redacted] denied having any knowledge of the subject having been assigned a project in connection with his studies at CCNY to dismantle a classified bombsight. She stated she is of the impression that KOVAL may have possibly worked on equipment classified by the United States Government as "war surplus," but was positive that none of the equipment was classified.

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in the Electrical Engineering Department of CCNY, was suggested as a source of information regarding the subject since he served as [redacted] of which the subject was a member while at CCNY.

It is noted that [redacted] CCNY, is listed as a reference by the subject in an application for employment, executed by the subject during 1944, for the MED.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 20, 1952, that the Amitas Corporation, 50 Broadway, New York City, was incorporated under Delaware laws on October 3, 1939. On December 5, 1939, Amitas filed a statement and designation as a foreign corporation doing business in New York.

[redacted]
CCNY

[redacted] advised SAS [redacted] on February 3, 1953, that the subject was a member of the Eta Kappa Nu Honorary Electrical Engineering Fraternity at CCNY, during the years 1947 and 1948.

The National Chapter of that fraternity is located at Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, and records regarding the inactive members can be reviewed by contacting A. [redacted] a member of the National Executive Council, in care of Post Office Drawer C, Dillsburg, Pennsylvania.

[redacted] recalled the subject as being extremely interested in fraternity affairs at CCNY and believed it possible that KOVAL might have a current mailing address on record with the National Chapter of the Eta Kappa Nu Fraternity in Pennsylvania. [redacted] stated he had engaged in many conversations with the subject during the latter's enrollment at CCNY, and cannot recall any statements made by the subject which could be interpreted that he had "subversive leanings." HANSTEIN recalled that the subject never mentioned his early background, and stated that he has had no contact with the subject since the latter graduated from CCNY during the summer of 1948.

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[redacted] also stated he is of the impression that [redacted] a member of the subject's ASTP class at CCNY, presently employed at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, Long Island, New York, recently advised him [redacted] that he had seen the subject sometime during 1950 or 1951, in New York City.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] also a former member of the subject's ASTP class at CCNY, is presently residing at [redacted] New York.

It is noted that [redacted] a former member of the subject's ASTP class, CCNY, when interviewed on May 18, 1955, by S/S [redacted] identified [redacted] formerly in the ASTP at CCNY, as a "close acquaintance" of the subject at CCNY during 1943 - 1944.

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INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

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[redacted] Brookhaven National Laboratory, Union, Long Island, New York, advised SA [redacted] on February 2, 1956, that [redacted] a former electrical engineering student at CCNY, has been employed as an associate physicist at the Brookhaven National Laboratory since July 18, 1952. According to [redacted] resides at [redacted] Long Island, New York.

[redacted] was interviewed at the Brookhaven National Laboratory by S/S [redacted] and

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[] on February 13, 1956, and advised as follows:

He was a member of the subject's ASTP class at CCNY during 1943 - 1944, and in 1944 was assigned with the subject to the MED, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He recalled that the subject was stationed at Oak Ridge, for approximately five months, and during early 1945, was transferred to the Dayton area office of the MED, at Miamisburg, Ohio. He recalled that the subject was assigned to the Clinton Laboratories in the Health and Physics Division, at Oak Ridge, but has no recollection concerning his exact duties.

[] presently in charge of the Health and Physics Division at Oak Ridge, would probably recall something about the subject's work and activities at that installation. [] emphatically stated that he has not seen the subject since early 1945, when the latter was transferred to the Dayton area office of the MED. He recalls discussing the subject in recent meetings with [] of CCNY, but claimed that in those discussions he did not mention having seen KOVAL as recently as 1950 or 1951. Tenn

[] stated that he may be able to locate a group photograph of the subject's ASTP class at CCNY, which to his recollection, might reflect the home addresses of each of the class members.

[] was of the opinion that one [] NY
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CALIF an ASTP student at CCNY, was the subject's roommate at Oak Ridge during 1944. The last addresses known to [] for [] are [] Los Angeles, California, and [] Los Angeles, California. [] advised he could recall no additional information regarding the subject's background or activities.

Regarding [] mentioned above,

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it is noted that individual is apparently identical with [redacted] Health and Physics Department, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, who was interviewed by SA [redacted] on July 8, 1955, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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(U) When interviewed, [redacted] advised that KOVAL'S assignment at Oak Ridge required access to confidential and secret information under the MED, and noted that KOVAL had access to information which would be classified at the present time as less sensitive than "restricted data". KOVAL'S duties were concerned with mathematical problems in connection with radiation detection and measurement of instruments.

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RECONTACT WITH [redacted]

[redacted] Bronx, New York, when originally interviewed on May 11, 1955, by SAs [redacted] advised he had been a close associate of the subject at CUNY during the periods 1943 - 1944 and 1946 - 1948. [redacted] was recontacted on February 9, 1956, and advised as follows:

Since last interviewed, he has recalled additional information which might be of assistance in identifying the professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with whom [redacted] was extremely friendly during the late 1940's. He believes that while [redacted] was a student at MIT he participated in an "on the job training program" known at MIT as the "Cooperative Training Program".

MASS- [redacted] stated that a review of [redacted] scholastic file at MIT would reflect the name of the professor, who during 1947 or 1948, was responsible for the latter's enrollment in the above-mentioned training program. According to [redacted] this professor

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is identical with the MIT faculty member who was extremely friendly with [] was questioned as to whether or not he or the subject dismantled a classified bombsight in connection with their electrical engineering studies at CCNY.

[] stated that he vaguely recalls that he and the subject had been assigned a project while at CCNY to dismantle a gyroscope which was obtained by the college as war surplus property. [] emphatically denied that he and the subject, or any student in the ASTP, CCNY, had been assigned work on classified materials in connection with their studies under that program.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Inquiry at "New York Journal-American"

[] Reference Room, "New York Journal-American", a daily New York City newspaper, South Street, New York City, made available on January 31, 1956, all clippings and references regarding "Irish Sweepstake" winners for the spring and fall of the years, 1951 and 1952.

A review of the clippings and references reflected no listing for the surname, KOVIL, as an "Irish Sweepstake" winner for the years 1951 or 1952.

[] New York City Fire Department, Engine Company Number 35, Bronx, New York, when recontacted on November 29, 1955, by S. [] advised that he recalls that the name GEORGE KOVIL was listed in the "New York Journal-American" during the spring of 1951 or 1952, as the winner of \$500 in the "Irish Sweepstakes".

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Recontact with [redacted]

[redacted] Bronx, New York, was recontacted by S S [redacted] on February 15, 1956. A passport photograph of [redacted] New York City, in 1944, was displayed to [redacted] who stated that the latter's photograph did not resemble the foreign-born individual who visited the subject's apartment at [redacted] Bronx, New York, during the latter's residence there from 1946 to 1948.

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during 1944, that the name KAVAI appeared among the notes and documents of [redacted]

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Review of Correspondence Files,
Atlas Trading Corporation

The correspondence files for the Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York City, stored at 97 Gold Street, New York City, were made available for review on January 23, 1956, by [redacted]. The files, which were reviewed on January 23, 1956, February 3 and 15, 1956, failed to reflect any reference to the subject.

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The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., as reviewed by [redacted] on July 27, 1954 and August 2, 1954, reflected that issuance of a passport for the subject was requested by a letter dated March 8, 1948, from the Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York City.

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Inquiry at ~~Standard Lighting~~
~~Fixtures Company (SLF)~~

On February 24, 1956, inquiry was made at the captioned electrical appliance retail store, located on the corners of Flatbush Avenue and Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

[redacted] advised that the Standard Lighting Fixtures Company (SLF) formerly did business with the now defunct Raven Electric Company, operated during the 1940's by [redacted] stated that the SLF was sold by its previous owner, ALBERT COHEN to SOL SCHNIDERMAN and MORTIMER CHERS, the present owners, during 1951.

NY The surname KOVAL and a photograph of the subject were unfamiliar to [redacted] The latter suggested that [redacted] presently employed with the Hobb Electric Company, West 40th Street, New York City, was the "counterman" for the SLF under the previous management and might possibly have information regarding the REC and the subject.

It is noted that [redacted] previously mentioned, advised that he recalled KOVAL had a "contact" for the purchase of electrical appliances and equipment at an electrical retail store, located at the corners of Flatbush Avenue and Lafayette Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding [redacted]

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NS 26, 1956 [redacted] advised on January 26, 1956 that a review of her personal records reflected that [redacted] in the Electrical Engineering Department at CCNY from 1946 to 1948, during 1955, resided at [redacted] River Edge, New Jersey.

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[redacted] previously mentioned, advised on May 25, 1955, that [redacted] Electrical Engineering at CCNY, 1947 - 1948, was closely acquainted with the subject during 1948.

Regarding S. GERTZ and Daughter,
Mrs. GRACE LUBOR (possibly identical
with subject's uncle and cousin)

On March 14, 1955, [redacted] Office of the Clerk of the District Court, Woodbury County, Sioux City, Iowa, advised SA [redacted] that the subject's aunt, PEARL KOVAL, on January 7, 1922, married SAM GERTZ, age 30 (1922), in Sioux City, Iowa. ILL

On April 2, 1925, PEARL GERTZ, nee KOVAL, was awarded a divorce from SAM GERTZ, as recorded in Book 104, page 167 in Equity Case 50835, Sioux City, Iowa. According to the petition for the divorce, PEARL and SAM GERTZ had one child, GRACE GERTZ, two years of age (1925), custody being given to Mrs. PEARL GERTZ.

Information furnished by the Office of Naval Intelligence, during 1951, reflected a Mr. and Mrs. S. GERTZ, and their married daughter, GRACE LUBOR, resided at [redacted] S. GERTZ was described as a Sales Executive for the National [redacted] Corporation. IOWA
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On October 3, 1955, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] that GRACE LUBOR and her father resided at the above address, but moved to an unknown address in 1953. [redacted] stated that neither she nor other tenants could furnish additional information regarding GRACE LUBOR or her father, noting that the present tenants have moved into the apartment subsequent to the departure of S. GERTZ and his daughter. TEXAS
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[redacted] who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on October 3, 1955, that one [redacted] first name or middle initial not given, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, moved to [redacted] Texas on November 20, 1953.

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A review of the Houston City Directory, by SA [redacted] indicates that the address at [redacted] Houston, Texas, is occupied by one [redacted] and has been so occupied since 1954. Mr. [redacted] is listed as a buyer for Armour and Company.

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On December 19, 1955, [redacted] who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that there was no change of address listed for GRACE GERTZ, 4803, or S/M GERTZ, formerly of [redacted] Houston, Texas. The informant advised, however, that there had been a change of address dated August 11, 1953, from [redacted] for one [redacted] Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada.

On December 20, 1955, [redacted] Avenue, Houston, Texas, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] and family resided next door. He stated that at present the [redacted] are on a vacation trip and as best he could recall, they had lived at that address since the latter part of 1953. Prior to that, the house was occupied for a short time by a young Air Force man named [redacted] but he had been transferred. [redacted] advised the name of [redacted] was unknown to him.

On January 31, 1956, [redacted] OSI, [redacted] Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised SA [redacted] that a check of the Base Locator Files did not reflect that [redacted] is or has been stationed at Nellis Air Force Base.

On January 31, 1956, [redacted] of Civilian Personnel, Nellis Air Force Base, advised SA [redacted] that a search of civilian personnel records did not reflect that [redacted] is or has been

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employed at Nellis Air Force Base.

On February 1, 1956, [redacted]
Record Bureau, Las Vegas, Nevada, Police Department, and
Identification Bureau, Clark County
SO, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised SA [redacted] there
was no record of [redacted] in the files of their respec-
tive departments.

On February 1, 1956, records of the Credit
Bureau of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, were checked by
SA [redacted] and no record was located for [redacted]

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Regarding WILLIAM A. ROSE

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in
the past, furnished information on May 8, 1955, which re-
flected that WILLIAM A. ROSE, Contractual Electrical
Engineer Consultant with the REC, appeared at Local Board
126, Selective Service System, during July, 1942, to
request an extension of the subject's Selective Service
deferment at that board. ROSE displayed a United States
Coast Guard card bearing Serial Number 712441, issued
by the Port of New York to identify himself.

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[redacted] Intelligence Section,
United States Coast Guard, on October 19, 1955, made
available to SA [redacted] the following infor-
mation concerning WILLIAM A. ROSE which was reflected in
the latter's application dated July 27, 1942, to the
United States Coast Guard for an Identification Card:

Name	WILLIAM A. ROSE
Address	71 Ridge Road Rutherford, New Jersey
Born	October 13, 1876 Boston, Massachusetts
Occupation	Contact - Consulting Electrical Engineer

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Employer

Raven Electric Company
11 West 25th Street
New York City

Coast Guard

Identification Card
(green) Serial Number

031-712441, issued
July 20, 1942

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[redacted] Rutherford,
New Jersey, advised SA [redacted] on December
29, 1955, that she owned the residence at 71 Ridge
Road, Rutherford, New Jersey, from about 1941 to 1944,
and that WILLIAM A. ROSE rented a room from her at 71
Ridge Road, Rutherford, New Jersey, from 1941 to 1944.
She stated that she received a letter from ROSE'S
wife, BERTHA CALLEY ROSE, 103 Hemmingway Road, Boston,
Massachusetts, in 1949, stating that WILLIAM A. ROSE
had died in the Spring of 1949.

Birth records of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
State House, Boston, Massachusetts, were reviewed on December
6, 1955, by SA [redacted] Page 188 of Volume
279 of the Birth Records indicated that one WILLIAM ALDEN
ROSE was born on October 13, 1876, at Boston, Massachusetts.
His parents were listed as FABINS ROSE, born at Turner,
Maine and FANNY B. ROSE, born Eastport, Maine.

Alumni records and scholastic records of the
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge,
Massachusetts, were reviewed on December 6, 1955, and
January 17, 1956, by SA [redacted] No record
was located for WILLIAM A. ROSE.

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Greater
Boston, 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised
on January 27, 1956, that she could locate no record for
WILLIAM A. ROSE.

Personnel of the Massachusetts State Board of
Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts,
a central repository for all criminal conviction records in

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the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, advised on January 11, 1956, that no record was located for WILLIAM A. ROSE.

A review of the Death Records, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, on January 27, 1956, by SA [redacted] [redacted] did not reflect any record for ROSE'S death.

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[redacted]
Boston, advised on February 3, 1956, that Mrs. BERTHA ROSE had roomed at this apartment house several years ago. She stated Mrs. ROSE died in 1950 or 1951. She added that Mrs. ROSE had been separated from her husband, WILLIAM ROSE, for many years, and that in 1949 WILLIAM ROSE had died in New York.

ENCLOSURE:

TO PHILADELPHIA

One passport photograph of subject dated 1948.

TO CINCINNATI

One passport photograph of subject dated 1948.

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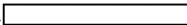
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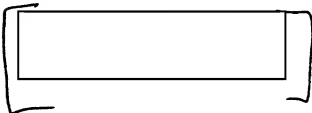


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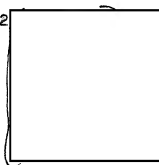


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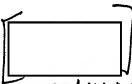
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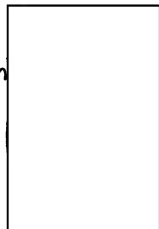
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[Redacted] Removal address
for S. GERTZ
and GRACE LUBOR

10/3/55

S. [Redacted]
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[REDACTED]
Houston,
Texas

[REDACTED] Used to document WILLIAM I. ROSE

[REDACTED]
Bronx, NY

[REDACTED] Used to document Amintas Corporation

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942 he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, NYC
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[redacted] During 1945 he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "unclassified" to "top secret". In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "commissioned representative," he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On 10/6/48, he departed the United States aboard the "SS America" destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts since that period are unknown. Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVIL is a native born United States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932 with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia, or outside the United States, from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an Electrical Engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at the College of the City of New York.

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The above brief summary was set out for the information of the Cincinnati and Philadelphia Offices, which have not received a prior communication in this case.

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BOSTON

At Boston, Massachusetts

[redacted] Will, at MIT, review scholastic record for [redacted] in an attempt to identify the professor at MIT,

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who reportedly recommended [] for the "Cooperative Training Program" at that university during 1947 and 1948. If a professor can be so identified and in absence of derogatory information, interview that individual regarding his knowledge of the activities of [] [] REC, and the subject.

CHICAGO

At Chicago, Illinois

Will, at the National Distillers Corporation, attempt to locate a personnel record for [] a former resident of [] Chicago, in an attempt to develop background information regarding [] to locate him for interview..

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CINCINNATI

At Miamisburg, Ohio

Will, at the Dayton area office, REC, review available records and conduct necessary investigation in an attempt to verify subject's reported assignment there with the MED during 1944 - 1945. If successful, interview or set out leads to locate REC personnel who may have knowledge concerning the subject's assignment at Dayton area office. Develop all information regarding subject's activities, associates, and whereabouts.

LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles or Southgate, California

Will, at [] Los Angeles,

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on [] Southgate, attempt to locate []
[] to interview him concerning his knowledge of subject's
activities at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The latter reportedly
roomed with subject at Oak Ridge, Tennessee during subject's
assignment there in 1944.

PHILADELPHIA

At Dillsburg, Pennsylvania

Will attempt to locate [] of
National Chapter of Eta Kappa Nu Fraternity, Post Office
Drawer C, to make inquiry concerning the subject's
reported membership in that fraternity, 1947-1948, and to
obtain last recorded mailing address of subject.

At Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Will contact []
regarding subject.

It is noted that the requested contacts with
[] should be considered as "routine"
by the Philadelphia Office.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will recontact []
[] LI, NY, concerning discrepancies in informa-
tion previously furnished by him concerning []
[] knowledge regarding [] and
the subject.

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2. Will make inquiry regarding the subject at Amintas Corporation, 50 Broadway, where he reportedly applied for employment during 1948.

3. Will recontact [redacted] Brookhaven National Laboratory, regarding a class photograph of subject's ASTP class at CCNY.

4. Will interview [redacted]
V, regarding the subject.

5. Will, at Hobbs Electric Company, West 40th Street, attempt to locate [redacted] to interview him regarding subject.

6. Will check appropriate death records, NYC, in an effort to verify reported death of WILLIAM A. ROSE, during 1949.

7. Will request Bureau authority to interview [redacted] Queens, LI, NY, regarding subject.

*Will review indices regarding FRANKS CO PETRINOVIC, to develop information which might assist this investigation.

*Will interview [redacted] faculty member, CCNY, regarding subject.

REFERENCE Report of SA [redacted] 1/11/56, NY.

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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] River Edge, N.J., state subject only an acquaintance and could furnish no information regarding subject's past activities or whereabouts. [redacted] advised they met subject through a mutual friend, [redacted] Drexel Hill, Pa.

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DETAILS:

On March 23, 1956, [redacted] River Edge, New Jersey, advised SAs [redacted] that they had not seen the subject since September, 1947, at which time they moved from New York City to their present address.

[redacted] described their relationship with the subject as being that of a casual acquaintance whom they met through a mutual friend, [redacted] now residing at [redacted] Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. According to Mr. and the only contact they had with the subject was in connection with bowling activities and therefore were not in a position to describe the subject's past activities or associates other than [redacted] concluded by stating that they were unaware that the whereabouts

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of the subject was unknown inasmuch as their association was rather casual and that they had never had the occasion to make any inquiries regarding him.

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[] said that [] was a chemical engineer working in Philadelphia and that he has a brother, [] believed also to be residing in Philadelphia. According to the [] they were not aware of any relationship between WILLIAM A. ROSE and []

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Inasmuch as the Newark Office is not in a position to know if [] had been interviewed regarding the subject, a lead to interview [] is being left to the discretion of the New York Office.

REFERENCE

New York airtel to Newark dated 2/21/56.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: March 26, 1956

FROM : *WJH* SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 3/9/56 at
Los Angeles, and reports of SA [redacted], dated
6/29/55 and 11/19/55 at New York.

[redacted]
of KOVAL, was interviewed at La Verne, California, on
February 20, 1956. Page 10, paragraph 2 of referenced report
dated March 9, 1956, reflects that she recalled that in
December, 1950, she attended a New Year's Eve party at an
unknown address in West Los Angeles and there met a man and
woman whose last name was either [redacted] who told her
that they were associated with Signet Laboratories at Los
Angeles. She recalled these persons stated that they knew
GEORGE KOVAL, who had attended City College of New York, and
further, that they had met him in Paris, France, during either
1949 or 1950.

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Records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association
of Los Angeles reflect a report dated November 12, 1953,
concerning one [redacted] age about 34; wife, [redacted]
residence - [redacted] Burbank, California;
former residence - [redacted] Pasadena, California, *Tenn.*
and [redacted] Oakland, California. This report
reflects the [redacted] originally came from Cambridge, Massachusetts.
His employment was reflected as Signet Laboratories, 614 North
La Peer Avenue, Los Angeles, and he is half owner of this
company. He was formerly employed by Essiron Pharmacal Supplies
Company, 1812 Georgio, Los Angeles, about three years, and left
that employment in July, 1949. He was formerly with L. A.
Butcher Company (Atom Bomb Prod.), claimed one year, more
previous with OAK RIDGE PROJECT, OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE; one year
United States Army from 1941 to 1945. In May, 1944, his wife,
[redacted] was employed as IBM operator. Bank of America, Los Angeles.

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Report of Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., Los Angeles, dated January 5, 1956, reflects that Signet Laboratories at the above address is a manufacturer of pharmaceuticals, a partnership composed of [redacted]

This business began in 1949.

This report reflects that [redacted] was born in 1918 in Massachusetts and is married. He came to California in 1920. He received a B. A. Degree in Chemistry from Stanford University, Masters Degree from Columbia University, and a Doctor's Degree from the University of Basel in Switzerland (no dates shown). He was formerly an associate professor of chemistry at the University of California and a lecturer at the University of Southern California. He was formerly active as a consultant operating from 119 North La Peer Drive, Beverly Hills, California, until becoming interested in this partnership.

This report reflects that [redacted] was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1917 and is married. He has resided locally for a number of years. Prior to becoming interested in this partnership, he was a securities broker and insurance agent.

The Los Angeles indices reflect no information regarding [redacted] and no information identifiable with [redacted] or Signet Laboratories.

Referenced report dated June 29, 1955, on page 9 reflects information regarding one WILLIAM A. ROSE, a consultant of Raven Electrical Corporation of New York City, who on July 20, 1942, appeared at Local Board 126, New York City, and requested an extension of KOVAL's Selective Service deferment for occupational reasons.

Referenced report dated November 19, 1955, page 8, reflects background concerning one WILLIAM A. ROSE, Coast Guard Identification No. 712441.

Los Angeles wishes to point out the similarity in the names WILLIAM A. ROSE, above, and [redacted] partner of Signet Laboratories, Los Angeles. The above referenced reports also reflect that the Coast Guard Identification No. 712441 was issued to WILLIAM A. ROSE on July 20, 1942, which it is noted is the same date that WILLIAM A. ROSE appeared

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at the Local Board 126, New York City, seeking deferment for KOVAL.

Los Angeles contemplates an interview of [redacted]
[redacted] however, prior thereto, requests a search of
the Bureau indices for any pertinent information identifiable
with [redacted]
[redacted] of the Signal Laboratories.

The New York, San Francisco, and Boston offices
are also requested to expeditiously furnish any information
from their files identifiable with the above named individuals.

Upon receipt of information requested above, Los
Angeles will, unless some evident reason exists to indicate
otherwise, or unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau,
interview [redacted] regarding their
complete knowledge of GEORGE KOVAL. Particular emphasis will
be placed on their knowledge of KOVAL's activities in Paris,
France, in either 1949 or 1950, and knowledge of KOVAL's present
whereabouts and activities, and [redacted] knowledge of
KOVAL's activities and acquaintances at Oak Ridge, Tennessee,
between 1941 and 1945. It is pointed out that [redacted] might have
been closely acquainted with KOVAL during service with the
United States Army at Oak Ridge since it appears from the
above information that both KOVAL and [redacted] were at Oak
Ridge during the same time; namely, 1944 and 1945.

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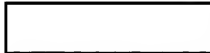
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Bureau files contain no pertinent information identifiable with the following on the basis of available identifying data;

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TITLE OF CASE GEORGE KOVAL		TYPED BY JCS	
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

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SYNOPSIS:

Marinette, Arizona. [redacted] who came to Arizona from Corcoran, California, is employed in Marinette by the J. G. Boswell Ranch Company as an entomologist. List of communications received by [redacted] set forth.

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DETAILS:

AT MARINETTE, ARIZONA:

[redacted] who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 18, 1956, that [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] reside in a house owned by the J. G. Boswell Ranch Company at Marinette, Arizona, where he is employed as an entomologist. [redacted] came to Marinette from Corcoran, California, where he was also employed by the J. G. Boswell Ranch Company.

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[redacted] advised on February 14, March 1 and 15, 1956, that the following communications were received:

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628 N. Alta Vista Los Angeles 36, Calif.	[redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Las Vegas, Nev., 2/3/56 1 a.m.	Envelope of "The Riviera", Las Vegas, Nev.
Apt. 4, 1264 No. Harper Los Angeles 46, Calif.	[redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Los Angeles, Calif. 2/12/56	
5651 Willis Ave. Van Nuys, Calif.	[redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Anaheim, Cal. 2/14/56, 10 a.m.	
5431 San Vicente #10 Los Angeles, Calif.	[redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Los Angeles, Calif. 1:30 p.m.	
P. O. Box 1328 Fresno, Calif.	[redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Fresno, Calif. Feb. 15, 8 p.m.	
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Kobenhaven Lanmark	[redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Feb. 18, 1956 Kongelio Post	so much to do and so little time to do it. signed Mort.
628 N. Alta Vista Blvd. Los Angeles 36, Calif.	[redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Los Angeles, Calif. 2/23/56	

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Box 967

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307 N. Mansfield

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Los Angeles,
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8 p.m.

148 South Almont Dr.
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Marinette, Ariz.

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Berkeley,
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628 N. Alta Vista Blvd.
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<i>Gurshtel</i> Goldie Gurshtel 15203 Hartsook Sherman Oaks, Calif	[redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Van Nuys, Calif. South Postal Annex, 3/9/56 10 a.m.	
1765 S. Robertson Blvd., apt. 6, Los Angeles 35, Calif.	[redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	East Los Angeles, Calif., 3/9/56 1 p.m.	
148 South Almont Drive Beverly Hills, Calif.	[redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Los Angeles, Calif. 3/9/56 7:30 p.m.	
5431 San Vicente 10 Los Angeles, Calif.	[redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Beverly Hills, Calif. 3/11/56 5 p.m.	
467 1/2 Midvale Los Angeles 24, Calif.	[redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Los Angeles, Calif. 3/10/56 5:30 p.m.	

The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company,
110 North Second Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, advised on March 27,
1956, that [redacted] Marinette, Arizona, had no telephone and
in fact no individual by the name of [redacted] had a telephone in
Marinette.

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A mail cover was placed on February 14, 1956, with [redacted] Marinette, Arizona, and [redacted] Marinette, on February 14, 1956.

INFORMANTS

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

[redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] on January 18, February 14, March 1, and March 15, 1956.

[redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted] on January 18, February 14, March 1, and March 15, 1956.

Both are concealed because of their position with the [redacted]

LEADS

No lead is being set forth to identify at [redacted] Berkeley, California, inasmuch as this individual is a correspondent with [redacted]

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

1. Will review its file and if not already identified will identify the various correspondents with [redacted] who reside in the Los Angeles territory.

NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

1. Will advise whether an interview with [redacted] will interfere with the investigation of this case.

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LEADS (continued)

NEW YORK DIVISION (continued)

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK: (continued)

In the event it will not and it is desired to have
[redacted] interviewed, will advise the Phoenix
Division so that Bureau authorization for his interview
may be requested.

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REFERENCES

Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 1/5/56.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 4/5/56

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (65-3981)

REGISTERED MAILSUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 3/26/56.

Indices of the Boston Office contained no information relating to

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Mr. Mason	
Mr. Mohr	
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Mr. Rosen	
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Mr. Nease	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

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Re Los Angeles letter, 3/26/56.

Re New York report, 3/22/56.

Indices of the NYO, as reviewed 4/5/56, reflected no information which could be determined identifiable with [redacted] or the [redacted] Signet Laboratories, mentioned in relet.

In event [redacted] is interviewed at Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Office will question [redacted] concerning [redacted] of the Raven Electric Company, NYC, mentioned in rerep. In addition to developing information, [redacted] may have concerning subject's present whereabouts, any information he might have regarding subject's activities 1932 - 1941 should be developed.

Attention of Los Angeles directed to rerep which reflects most recent information developed regarding WILLIAM A. ROSE, reportedly deceased in New York during 1949.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)
 FROM : *ITK*
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 SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
 ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 4/27/56

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 The Bureau's attention is directed to the report of SA [redacted] at NY, 1/11/56, in instant case, which reflected information concerning [redacted] described as a former employee of the Raven Electric Co., at New York City from November, 1948 to November, 1950. Inasmuch as [redacted] is identical with the subject of the investigation entitled [redacted] SM-C" (NY file 100-66205) the following pertinent information reported for [redacted] in that case and developed during instant investigation is set forth in accordance with existing Bureau instructions:

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 A and B: [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] are of the white race, and presently reside at [redacted] Queens, Long Island, NY. [redacted] occupation was described as "truck driver" (employer unknown) by [redacted] during December, 1955. The current occupation and employment for [redacted] wife is presently unknown.

C and D: On 3/16/44 [redacted] was identified by [redacted] as a member of the 15th Ward Club of the Communist Political Association (CPA), Baltimore, Md. While a resident at [redacted] NYC, [redacted] was identified by informants of the NYO as a subscriber to the following publications on the dates indicated:

2/25/52 and 4/16/53, "The Worker".
 8/19/53, "National Guardian".

On 4/19/44 [redacted] identified [redacted] as active in work for the American Youth for Democracy. On 2/3/44 SA [redacted] observed [redacted] in attendance at a meeting of the State Committee of the CPA, Baltimore, Md. On 11/29/44 [redacted] made available information which identified [redacted] as a member of the Tom Paine Club, CPA, Baltimore, Md. It is noted that [redacted] during July, 1944.

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NY 65-16756

It is further noted that [redacted] is the subject of the investigation entitled [redacted] was; Security Matter (C)"(NY File 100-51325).

E: [redacted] previously interviewed in instant case, is possibly identical with [redacted] Brooklyn, NY, who according to information furnished by G-2, USA, during 1944, signed CP nominating petitions dated 8/20/40 and 1/31/42.

F: As previously noted herein, the only information known to the NYO relating to the present sympathies of [redacted] is that during 1952 and 1953 he subscribed to "The Worker" and "The National Guardian." Concerning [redacted] wife it is noted that during April, 1945 she was described as inactive in the CPA subsequent to her marriage to [redacted] [redacted] during July, 1944.

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G: The NYO proposes an interview with [redacted] [redacted] in an effort to develop any information known to him concerning the captioned subject and the Raven Electric Co., An interview with [redacted] might possibly also prove productive concerning the investigation entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, wa; "Papa, ESP-R", which investigation has recently primarily concerned interviews with former employees of the aforementioned Raven Electric Company. It is noted that if [redacted] is co-operative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities, but a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau setting forth the results of the interview and requesting authority to recontact [redacted] as a potential security informant.

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Interview of [] authorized.

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cc-1-NY 65-14741 [] (Info.)
cc-1-NY 65-14743 [] (Info.)

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cc - 1 - 65-57862 []

NOTE:

[] was former employee of Raven Electric Co. [] with which company George Koval also formerly employed. Both [] were formerly members of CPA and subjects of Bureau investigation. NY is in possession of pertinent information. NY contemplates interviewing [] for purpose of developing further information re Raven Electric Co. and George Koval. It is hoped that interview may also prove productive in establishing identity of "Unknown Subject, va. "Papa," also subject of espionage investigation. Other members of [] family have been interviewed previously.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-42911)

DATE: 4/27/56

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (105-375-)

SUBJECT: GEC CEC ROVAL
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OO: NEW YORK

Re: Let 3/25/56.

Indices of the San Francisco Division contain no record
of [redacted] or the Signal Laboratories,
and no data identifiable with [redacted] - TUC -

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: May 4, 1956

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (65-3981)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

OO: NY

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Third PartyRe report of SA [redacted] dated March 22, 1956,
at New York.[redacted] Massachusetts Institute
of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised SA [redacted]
on April 30, 1956, that records of M.I.T. contain no information
relating to the professor who recommended [redacted] for the
"Cooperative Training Program" at M.I.T. during 1947 and 1948.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

DATE: 4/30/56

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (65-2087)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Re report of SA [] (A) dated April 30, 1956, at Cincinnati, attached herewith.

Referenced report reflects a female acquaintance of the subject while he was assigned to the Special Engineering Detachment, Manhattan Engineering District, Dayton, Ohio, during the Summer of 1945, identified as []

[] has advised that [] and that her son-in-law is employed as the [] for the firm of Frank Grad and Sons - Seelze, Stevenson, Value and Knecht - Joint Venture Architects - Engineers, 11 Commerce, Newark 2, New Jersey. [] stated that her son-in-law is at the present time engaged in a construction project in France, and her daughter's present address is as follows:

[]

It is suggested that the Bureau, through its liaison representatives, contact [] in an effort to obtain any additional background information she may possess regarding subject and to determine if she has had any contact with him since the Summer of 1945.

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CC: 2 Bureau (65-62911) (RM)
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Reporting Office CINCINNATI	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 4/30/56	Investigative Period 3/20; 4/18/56
TITLE OF CASE GEORGE KOVAL		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 150px;"></div>	Typed By: pal
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	
Synopsis:			

No record of subject at AEC Area Office, Mound Laboratory, Miamisburg, Ohio. Monsanto Chemical Company operators of Mound Laboratory, Miamisburg, Ohio, Geo. Ref. #40070, KFL (J). Records reflect subject assigned M.E.D., Dayton, Ohio, under S.E.D., U.S. Army on 6/27/45.

[redacted] Mound Laboratory, advised transferred from Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to Dayton, Ohio, with subject in 6/45. Roomed with subject 7/45 to 1/46 at Dayton, Ohio. Only contacts known were members of S.E.D. assigned to M.E.D., Dayton. Records reflect subject in New York City, Spring of 1948. Subject mentioned he was going to Europe on business. Other acquaintances of subject employed Mound Laboratory have not seen subject since 1946, and possess no information regarding associations or activities. [redacted] Dayton, recalled subject as acquaintance of her daughter, [redacted] during Summer of 1945. [redacted] and re-siding in France.

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DETAILS:

AT MIAMISBURG, OHIO

[redacted] AEC, Area Office, Mound Laboratory, Miamisburg, Ohio, advised SA [redacted] (A) on March 30, 1956, that the records of his office are negative regarding the subject. Mound Laboratory, Miamisburg, Ohio, is operated by the Monsanto Chemical Company for the AEC, Geographical Reference #40070, KFL (J).

[redacted] Monsanto Chemical Company, Mound Laboratory, advised SAA [redacted] on April 18, 1956, that she had a one page reference to the subject's employment listed in her personnel records. The following information appeared on this record:

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GEORGE KOVAL, 1111 North Main Street, Dayton, Ohio, transferred to Manhattan Engineering District, Dayton, Ohio, on June 27, 1945, as a corporal attached to the Special Engineering Detachment, U. S. Army. KOVAL was born December 25, 1913, at Sioux City, Iowa. His father is listed as ABRAHAM KOVAL and mother ETHEL S. KOVAL. His education is listed as two and a half years of college at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, from 1929 to 1932. KOVAL'S religion is listed as Jewish. The record further reflected that the subject was single at this time.

[redacted] advised that she could locate no further record regarding the subject in her files.

[redacted] Monsanto Chemical Company, Mound Laboratory, advised SAA [redacted] on April 18, 1956, that he was transferred to the Manhattan Engineering District, Dayton, Ohio, in June, 1945. He stated that he had been assigned to the Manhattan Engineering District project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and that he was transferred to Dayton with the subject who also had been assigned to the Manhattan Engineering District (M.E.D.) at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. [redacted] stated that he knew of the subject at Oak Ridge, but had not associated with him

to any degree. [] and the subject travelled together on transfer to Dayton, Ohio, and [] states that they secured a room at 1111 North Main Street, Dayton, Ohio, which they shared from July, 1945, to August, 1945. [] recalled that in August, 1945, they then moved to 825 Grand Street where they shared a room together until January, 1946. [] stated that at that time he married and the subject then moved to a room at the YMCA, Dayton, Ohio, where he stayed for approximately one month when he, the subject, was discharged from the U. S. Army.

[] also advised that the subject was assigned to Unit 3 of the Manhattan Engineering District project, Dayton, Ohio, while he, [] was assigned to Unit 4. He stated that to the best of his recollection the subject was assigned to the Health and Physics Division. [] stated he and the subject did not have a great deal of contact on the job. He further stated that the majority of the subject's contacts were with men assigned to the Special Engineering Detachment. He stated that at that time they were working six days a week on this project and to his knowledge the subject had no contact with individuals in Dayton, Ohio, to any degree who were not also employed by the Manhattan Engineering District. He stated he had social contact with the subject off the job due to the fact that they roomed together and he knows of no associates, acquaintances or business contacts of the subject outside of the employees at M.E.D. in Dayton.

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He further stated the subject talked very little of his family background and he was under the impression the subject had no family. He further stated he knew very little of the subject aside from the contacts they had during the period they were assigned together at Dayton, Ohio.

[] *MANHATTAN ENGINEERING District* did recall that the subject had some contact with a girl by the name of [] employed by M.E.D. during the Summer of 1945. This girl left employment that year to return to college. He also recalled [] had a sister also employed during the same period of time, first name []

AKA []

[] in conclusion stated that the only contact he has had with the subject since January, 1946, was in the Spring of 1948, when he happened to see the subject on the street in New York City at which time they exchanged a few words. Subject advised him at the time that he had secured a job as a sales manager with an electrical wholesale company. Subject also mentioned something to the effect that he had a big business deal pending and he expected to travel abroad to Europe during 1948, in connection with his business. [] advised he could furnish no additional information regarding the activities, associates or possible whereabouts of the subject.

[] Monsanto Chemical Company, Mound Laboratory, advised SA [] on April 18, 1956, that he recalled the subject as an individual attached to the Special Engineering Detachment, Manhattan Engineering District, Dayton, Ohio, during 1945. [] advised at the time he was Personnel Officer and Plant Security Officer and had occasional contact with the subject. He further advised he had no detailed information regarding the subject and was not aware of any of the subject's associates or relatives. He advised he has no information regarding the subject since subject left Dayton in 1946.

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[] Research Division, Monsanto Chemical Company, Mound Laboratory, advised SA [] on April 18, 1956, that he recalled the subject while subject was attached to the Special Engineering Detachment, Manhattan Engineering District, Dayton, Ohio, during 1945, and the early part of 1946. He stated subject was assigned to Unit 3 and he recalls the subject as a rather intelligent, pleasant individual. He stated he never heard anything derogatory concerning the subject and possesses no information regarding the subject's associates, activities or contacts. [] advised he has not seen the subject since he left Dayton in 1946.

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[redacted] located
a reference to employment for a [redacted]
[redacted] Dayton, Ohio, who were employed by M.E.D.
during the Summer of 1945.

[redacted]
Dayton, Ohio, was contacted by SA [redacted] on April 18,
1956, at which time she advised she recalled the subject
after viewing his photograph. She stated her daughter,
[redacted] had brought the subject to their home on one or
two occasions to play bridge. She stated that to her
knowledge [redacted] associated with the subject only during
her summer employment during 1945, at the Manhattan
Engineering District. She stated that she has not heard
of or seen the subject since 1945, and does not believe
[redacted] has had any contact with the subject since that time.

[redacted] stated [redacted] is now married to
[redacted] who is employed as the [redacted] for
the firm of Frank Grad and Sons - Seelze, Stevenson, Value
and Knecht - Joint Venture Architects - Engineers, 11
Commerce, Newark 2, New Jersey. [redacted] stated that
her daughter and son-in-law are at the present time residing
at [redacted] Loisy - Sur - Marne, France, where
her son-in-law is employed by the above-mentioned company.

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The interested agency of Mound Laboratory, Miamisburg, Ohio, listed on the Key Facility List is the Atomic Energy Commission.

[redacted] Personnel Department, Monsanto Chemical Company, advised when contacted that with considerable research she felt it would be possible to obtain the names of all men assigned to Units 3 and 4 of the Special Engineering Detachment, Manhattan Engineering District, Dayton, Ohio, during the time subject was employed there. She stated, however, that she did not have the current addresses of these people unless they were now employed by Monsanto Chemical Company. It is being left to the discretion of the New York Division to determine whether such names should be requested of the Monsanto Chemical Company.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] at New York dated 3/22/56.

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Date: May 16, 1956

To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
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Reference is made to previous communications
in this matter.

Information has been developed that while
assigned to the Special Engineering Detachment,
Manhattan Engineering District, Dayton, Ohio, during the
summer of 1945, George Koval was acquainted with a
[redacted] is now the wife of [redacted]
who is employed as [redacted] for the firm of Frank
Grad and Sons - Seelze, Stevenson, Value and Knecht,
Newark, N. J., and is presently engaged on construction
project in France. Her present address is:

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Our files reflect that in [redacted]

Tolson _____
Boardman _____
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Winterrowd _____
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Gandy _____

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Foreign Liaison Unit, [redacted] (Info.)
cc-1-New York (65-16756) (Info.)
cc-1-Cincinnati (65-2087) (Info.)
cc-1-Legat, Paris (Info.)

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Central Intelligence Agency



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NOTE: Henry Joseph Bowker, born in 1899 in Ireland, was subject of AEAA investigation in 1952. Although employment record not completely favorable, persons contacted expressed no question as to his loyalty. Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning [redacted]

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[redacted] (116-347620)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: August 27, 1954

FROM : *WAM* Director, FBI

EXEMPTED FROM AUTOMATIC
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AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM:
FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE
EXEMPTION CODE 25X(1)
DATE 11-22-2010

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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Re report of SA Harry E. Hinderliter dated
8-12-54 at New York captioned "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was:
[redacted] Espionage - R" and to previous
correspondence in that case.

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Open separate investigative case file on
George Koval, New York origin, and expedite submission
of summary report on him suitable for dissemination.

Attached is copy of memo for your file 65-14743.

Attachment

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Chief Clerk:

Open Case 65-14743

Origin NY

#6 o/c 8/30/54

Ass. for

65-16756-1

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<i>H. E. Hinderliter</i>	

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1. 11/30/54. Passport photo of George Koval. 11/16/54.
 2. 1/10/55. 2 photos of George Koval taken Sept. 29. 12/27/55.
 3. 2/21/55. 2 photos of George Koval from passport photo. 1/24/55.
 4. 7/20/55. 2 photos of Isaiah Koval, subject's brother taken 1929. 6/9/55.
 5. 7/20/55. 2 photos of George Koval front view taken in 1929. 6/9/55.
 6. 7/20/55. 2 photos of subject George Koval taken in 1929 side view. 6/9/55.
- Note: above copied from envelope of 11/30/54. Exhibits #1 to 3.
7. 8/2/55. 2 passport photos of subject taken 1948. George Koval. 6/17/55.
 8. 8/2/55. 2 passport photos of Abram, Ethel, Isaiah, George, and Gabriel Koval taken in 1932. Family Group. 6/17/55. -
 9. 9/21/55. 2 photos & one negative of Subjects signatures appearing on Selective Service forms, 3/19/41. -
 10. 9/21/55. Two photos & one negative of Subjects signatures appearing on Selective Service Questionnaire, 3/19/41.
 11. 9/26/56. One photograph, each, of front and back of one page letter written in Russian language, and envelope which was addressed to 'Mrs. Goldie Gurshtel, Sherman Oaks, California, Subjects aunt. Letter certified letter at having been written by Abram Koval, subject's father, who presently resides in Russia, 6/19/56.
 12. 10/10/56. Negative and passport photos of William Russell Hose, 7/56.
 13. 10/30/56. Photo of George Koval. - Sent to Bureau - 9/24/57
 14. 10/30/56. Photo of George Koval Family.
- Note: Above retyped from envelope dated 7/20/55.
15. 9/2/58. 3 photos of Geo. Jerome Koval taken during 1947. m
 16. 3/5/59. One copy of Title III Chapter 3 Loss of nationality
family & nationality Act, (see) 6/27/59.

See Ser 17

Date Received *11/16/54*
From *Washington Field*
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(name & address of contributor)

By-Name of SA *A. E. Hindert*
To Be Returned *Yes* No *TA*
File Number *65-16756-7A1*
Description:

*Passport Photo of Subject
taken March 1948. George Koral.*

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GEORGE KOVAL PP photo
3/1948

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Date Received 12/27/54

From Omaha
(name & address of contributor)

By-Name of SA H. E. White

To Be Returned... Yes () No ()

File Number 65-16256-1A2

Description:

2 Photos of Subject - taken
Sept. 1929

(See Ser 12 cf)

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George Koval, OM 65-609-1A (2)

taken Sept. 1929

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George Koval
609-1A2

Date Received 1/24/55
From WFO

(name & address of contributor)

By-Name of SA W. H. Kinsley

To Be Returned... Yes () No (☒)

File Number 65-16754-1A3

Description:

2 Photos of George Koval
copied from passport photo
dated March 1948

65-14743 Cover letter
(see ser 367)

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GEORGE KOVAL PP photo
3/1948

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~~Passport~~ Photo of
George Katal copied
from passport photo
dated March, 1948.

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Date Received... 6/5/56
From... *Quaker Division*
... *Registrar's Office - Univ. of Iowa*
(name & address of contributor)

By-Name of SA... *W.C. Guibet*

To Be Returned... Yes () No (X)

File Number... *65-1675-1A5*

Description: *2 photographs of*
subject taken 1929 at
Sioux City, Iowa - front view

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GEORGE KOVAL

BORN 12-25-13 OR 12-25-14

SIOUX CITY IOWA

HEIGHT 6 ft

WEIGHT 175 lbs in 1931

EYES BROWN

HAIR BROWN

COMP MED

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Photo Taken 1929

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GEORGE KOVAK

BORN 12-25-13 OR 12-25-14

SIoux City IOWA

HT. 6ft.

WT 175 lbs in 1931

HAIR BROWN

EYES BROWN

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Photo Taken 1929

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OM 65-609

Date Received.....

6/9/38

From

Wm. H. Durison
Central High School, Sioux City Iowa
(name & address of contributor)

By-Name of SA

W.C. Grekeib

To Be Returned...Yes ()

No ()

File Number

65-16716-1A4

Description:

2 Photographs of brother

Isaiah Koval, subject's brother
taken at Sioux City, Iowa, 1929.

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ISAIAH KOVAH

BORN 7-22-12

SIOUX CITY IOWA

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Photo Taken 1929

Date Received *4/6/50*

From

.....
(name & address of contributor)

By-Name of SA *Walter L. Genth*

To Be Returned...Yes ()

No ()

File Number

Description:

*Two passport photographs of
subject taken in 1948.*

*One to Los Angeles, Calif -
4/6/50 AK2*

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A. P. Koval, Ethel Koval,
Isidore Koval, George Koval, &

Gabriel Koval

PPPL 5/1733.

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Edison, Ethel Beat,
George and Philip and
family, George.

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Date Received.....5/8/55

From: LB 126 BARRA NY
...Selective Service...
(name & address of contributor)

By-Name of SE DONALD E. STRELETZKY -

To Be Returned...Yes () No (X)

File Number 65-16726-1A.9

Description: Two photographs and one
negative of subject's signatures
appearing on Selective Service forms
EXECUTED by him on 3/19/41.

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ATED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

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(Registrant's signature)

formed and know that making or being a party to making any false statements
able to punishment by fine and imprisonment.

(Signature of person examined)

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Date of mailing

Name

(First)

(Middle)

(Last)

Address

(Number and street or R. F. D. route)

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Date Received 5/9/80
From LB 126 - Bunt-47
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(name & address of contributor)

By-Name of SE. Donald E. Strelitzky
To Be Returned... Yes () No (X)
File Number 65-16756-1410
Description:

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Two photographs and one
negative of subject's signature
appearing on SS Questionnaire executed
by him 3/19/41.

REGISTRANT'S STATEMENT REGARDING CLASSIFICATION

INSTRUCTIONS.—It is optional with registrant whether or not he fills in this statement, and failure to answer substitutes a waiver of claim to deferred or other status. The local board is charged by law to determine the classification of the registrant on the basis of the facts before it, which should be taken fully into consideration regardless of whether statement is filled in.

In view of the facts set forth in this Questionnaire it is my opinion that my classification should be *C1a*
(See Instr)

The registrant may write in the space below or attach to this page any statement which he believes should be brought to the attention of the Local Board in determining his classification.

Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice N. Y. Field Office

STATE OF *Wisconsin*, COUNTY OF *Frank*, ss:

I, *G. Koval*, do solemnly swear that I am the registrant named and described in the foregoing statements in this Questionnaire, that I have read (or have to me) the statements made by and about me, and that each and every such statement is true and complete to the knowledge, information and belief.

Registrant sign here ☒

G. Koval
(Signature or mark of registrant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

19th

day of

March

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Date Received 6/19/56

From

Goldie Gurshtel, 14203 Hartsook, Sherman Oaks, Calif.

(name & address of contributor)

By-Name of SA

Chester C. Olson and Harry H. Whidbee (Los Angeles)

To Be Returned

Yes ()

No (☒)

File Number

NY 65-16756-1A-11

One photograph, each, of front and back of one-page letter written in Russian language, and envelope, which was addressed to Mrs. Goldie Gurshtel, Sherman Oaks, Calif, subject's aunt. Latter identified letter as having been written by Abram Kaval, subject's father, who presently resides in Russia.

(See Serial 135, 65-16756)

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NY
~~File No.~~ 65-16756-1A-12
Date Received 7-56
From Dept of State
(Name of Contributor)
Wash. D.C
(Address of Contributor)
By Donald S. Goddard
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ()
No (X)

Description:

Negative and passport photos
of William Russell Hose

George Koval
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John Russell Ho



John Russell Ho

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65-16756-1A-18

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DESCRIPTION:

PHOTO NEGATIVES

Date Received... *9/4/56*
From *Originally furnished to SA White by Mrs. Harry Gurshtel, 15203*
Hartsook Ave., Sherman Oaks, Calif. on 8/22/56.
(name & address of contributor)

By-Name of SA *Walter C. Butcher Jr.*

To Be Returned... Yes () No (*X*)

File Number *62-14257-1A13*

Description: *Photograph of GEORGE KOVAL (subject) taken about 1932.*

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Date Received... 9/4/56

From Originally furnished to SA Whidbee by Mrs. HARRY GURSHTEL, 15203
Hartsook Ave., Sherman Oaks, Calif. on 8/22/56
(name & address of contributor)By-Name of SA WALTER C. GUTHRIE, JR.

To Be Returned... Yes () No (X)

File Number 65-16256-1A 4Description: Photograph of KOVA family (ABRAHAM, father; ETHEL, mother;
GEORGE (subject); ISRAH, brother; GURSHTEL, brother.) taken about 1932.

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Is another damn good one

Photograph of KOVAL family taken about 1932.

ABRAHAM KOVAL-Subject's father
ETHEL KOVAL -Subject's mother
GEORGE KOVAL -Center with glasses
ISIAH KOVAL -Subject's left
GABRIEL KOVAL-Right rear

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FILE NUMBER.....*65-16756-1A15*
Date Received.....*8/7/58*
From.....*WFO*

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(name & address of contributor)

By-name of SA.....*W.C. Gathrell, Jr.*

To Be Returned.... Yes () No ()

Description: *3 photos of GEO. JEROME KOSAH*
taken Dec 14 1947.

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Koval, George Jerome
Z 868-706
Photo 1947

Name: GEORGE JEROME KOVAL
Color: White
Height: 5' 8"
Weight: 140 lbs.
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Home Address: 1113 7th Ave., Berwick,
Pennsylvania
Next of Kin: ANDREW KOVAL, father.
Baptized: St. Mary's Church, Berwick,
Pennsylvania

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From... WFO
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(name & address of contributor)

By-name of SA... W.F. Guthrie, Jr.

To Be Returned.... Yes () No (☒)

Description:

One copy of Title III,
Chapter 3 - Loss of Nationality,
Immig. & Nationality Act, dated 6/27/52.

Department of State
Passport Division
April 14, 1953

IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT

(Enacted June 27, 1952, 82nd Congress, 2nd Session;
effective 180 days from date of enactment,
December 24, 1952.)

TITLE III: CHAPTER 3 --- LOSS OF NATIONALITY

Loss of Nationality by Native-Born or Naturalized Citizen

Sec. 349. (a) From and after the effective date of this Act a person who is a national of the United States whether by birth or naturalization, shall lose his nationality by--

- (1) obtaining naturalization in a foreign state upon his own application, upon an application filed in his behalf by a parent, guardian, or duly authorized agent, or through the naturalization of a parent having legal custody of such person: *Provided*, That nationality shall not be lost by any person under this section as the result of the naturalization of a parent or parents while such person is under the age of twenty-one years, or as the result of a naturalization obtained on behalf of a person under twenty-one years of age by a parent, guardian, or duly authorized agent, unless such person shall fail to enter the United States to establish a permanent residence prior to his twenty-fifth birthday: *And provided further*, That a person who shall have lost nationality prior to January 1, 1948, through the naturalization in a foreign state of a parent or parents, may, within one year from the effective date of this Act, apply for a visa and for admission to the United States as a nonquota immigrant under the provisions of section 101 (a) (27) (E); or
- (2) taking an oath or making an affirmation or other formal declaration of allegiance to a foreign state or a political subdivision thereof; or
- (3) entering, or serving in, the armed forces of a foreign state unless, prior to such entry or service, such entry or service is specifically authorized in writing by the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense: *Provided*, That the entry into such service by a person prior to the attainment of his eighteenth birthday shall serve to expatriate such person only if there exists an option to secure a release from such service and such person fails to exercise such option at the attainment of his eighteenth birthday; or
- (4) (A) accepting, serving in, or performing the duties of any office, post, or employment under the government of a foreign state or a political subdivision thereof, if he has or acquires the nationality of such foreign state; or (B) accepting, serving in, or performing the duties of any office, post, or employment under the government of a foreign state or a political subdivision thereof, for which office, post, or employment an oath, affirmation, or declaration of allegiance is required; or
- (5) voting in a political election in a foreign state or participating in an election or plebiscite to determine the sovereignty over foreign territory; or
- (6) making a formal renunciation of nationality before a diplomatic or consular officer of the United States in a foreign state, in such form as may be prescribed by the Secretary of State; or
- (7) making in the United States a formal written renunciation of nationality in such form as may be prescribed by, and before such officer as may be designated by, the Attorney General, whenever the United States shall be in a state of war and the Attorney General shall approve such renunciation as not contrary to the interests of national defense; or
- (8) deserting the military, air, or naval forces of the United States in time of war, if and when he is convicted thereof by court martial and as the result of such conviction is dismissed or dishonorably discharged from the service of such military, air, or naval forces: *Provided*, That, notwithstanding loss of nationality

or citizenship under the terms of this or previous laws by reason of desertion committed in time of war restoration to active duty with such military, air, or naval forces in time of war or the reenlistment or induction of such a person in time of war with permission of competent military, air, or naval authority shall be deemed to have the immediate effect of restoring such nationality or citizenship heretofore or hereafter so lost; or

(9) committing any act of treason against, or attempting by force to overthrow, or bearing arms against, the United States if and when he is convicted thereof by a court martial or by a court of competent jurisdiction; or

(10) departing from or remaining outside of the jurisdiction of the United States in time of war or during a period declared by the President to be a period of national emergency for the purpose of evading or avoiding training and service in the military, air, or naval forces of the United States. For the purposes of this paragraph failure to comply with any provision of any compulsory service laws of the United States shall raise the presumption that the departure from or absence from the United States was for the purpose of evading or avoiding training and service in the military, air, or naval forces of the United States.

(b) Any person who commits or performs any act specified in sub-section (a) shall be conclusively presumed to have done so voluntarily and without having been subjected to duress of any kind, if such person at the time of the act was a national of the state in which the act was performed and had been physically present in such state for a period or periods totaling ten years or more immediately prior to such act.

Dual Nationality; Divestiture of Nationality

Sec. 350. A person who acquired at birth the nationality of the United States and of a foreign state and who has voluntarily sought or claimed benefits of the nationality of any foreign state shall lose his United States nationality by hereafter having a continuous residence for three years in the foreign state of which he is a national by birth at any time after attaining the age of twenty-two years unless he shall--

(1) prior to the expiration of such three-year period, take an oath of allegiance to the United States before a United States diplomatic or consular officer in a manner prescribed by the Secretary of State; and

(2) have his residence outside of the United States solely for one of the reasons set forth in paragraph (1), (2), (4), (5), (6), (7), or (8) of section 353, or paragraph (1) or (2) of section 354 of this title: *Provided, however,* That nothing contained in this section shall deprive any person of his United States nationality if his foreign residence shall begin after he shall have attained the age of sixty years and shall have had his residence in the United States for twenty-five years after having attained the age of eighteen years.

Restrictions on Expatriation

Sec. 351. (a) Except as provided in paragraphs (7), (8), and (9) of section 349 of this title, no national of the United States can expatriate himself, or be expatriated, under this Act while within the United States or any of its outlying possessions, but expatriation shall result from the performance within the United States or any of its outlying possessions of any of the acts or the fulfillment of any of the conditions specified in this chapter if and when the national thereafter takes up a residence outside the United States and its outlying possessions.

(b) A national who within six months after attaining the age of eighteen years asserts his claim to United States nationality, in such manner as the Secretary of State shall by regulation prescribe, shall not be deemed to have expatriated himself by the commission, prior to his eighteenth birthday, of any of the acts specified in paragraphs (2), (4), (5), and (6) of section 349 (a) of this title.

Loss of Nationality by Naturalized National

Sec. 352. (a) A person who has become a national by naturalization shall lose his nationality by--

(1) having a continuous residence for three years in the territory of a foreign state of which he was formerly a national or in which the place of his birth is situated, except as provided in section 353 of this title, whether such residence commenced before or after the effective date of this Act;

(2) having a continuous residence for five years in any other foreign state or states, except as provided in sections 353 and 354 of this title, whether such residence commenced before or after the effective date of this Act;

(b) (1) For the purpose of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this section, the time during which the person had his residence abroad solely or principally for a reason or purpose within the scope of any provision of section 353 shall not be counted in computing quantum of residence.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this section, the time during which the person had his residence abroad solely or principally for a reason or purpose within the scope of any provision of sections 353 and 354 shall not be counted in computing quantum of residence.

Section 352 Not Effective as to Certain Persons

Sec. 353. Section 352 (a) shall have no application to a national who--

(1) has his residence abroad in the employment of the Government of the United States; or

(2) is receiving compensation from the Government of the United States and has his residence abroad on account of disability incurred in its service; or

(3) shall have had his residence in the United States for not less than twenty-five years subsequent to his naturalization and shall have attained the age of sixty years when the foreign residence is established; or

(4) had his residence abroad on October 14, 1940, and temporarily has his residence abroad, or who thereafter has gone or goes abroad and temporarily has his residence abroad, solely or principally to represent a bona fide American educational, scientific, philanthropic, commercial, financial, or business organization, having its principal office or place of business in the United States, or a bona fide religious organization having an office and representative in the United States, or an international agency of an official character in which the United States participates, for which he receives a substantial compensation; or

(5) has his residence abroad and is prevented from returning to the United States exclusively (A) by his own ill health; or (B) by the ill health of his parent, spouse, or child who cannot be brought to the United States, whose condition requires his personal care and attendance: *Provided*, That in such case the person having his residence abroad shall, at least every six months, register at the appropriate Foreign Service office and submit evidence satisfactory to the Secretary of State that his case continues to meet the requirements of this subparagraph; or (C) by reason of the death of his parent, spouse, or child: *Provided*, That in the case of the death of such parent, spouse, or child the person having his residence abroad shall return to the United States within six months after the death of such relative; or

(6) has his residence abroad for the purpose of pursuing a full course of study of a specialized character or attending full-time an institution of learning of a grade above that of a preparatory school: *Provided*, That such residence does not exceed five years; or

(7) is the spouse or child of an American citizen, and who has his residence abroad for the purpose of being with his American citizen spouse or parent who has his residence abroad for one of the objects or causes specified in paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), or (6) of this section, or paragraph (2) of section 354 of this title; or

(8) is the spouse or child of an American national by birth who while under the age of twenty-one years had his residence in the United States for a period or periods totaling ten years, and has his residence abroad for the purpose of being with said spouse or parent; or

(9) was born in the United States or one of its outlying possessions, who originally had American nationality and who, after having lost such nationality through marriage to an alien, reacquired it; or

(10) has, by Act of Congress or by treaty, United States nationality solely by reason of former nationality and birth or residence in an area outside the continental United States: *Provided*, That subsections (b) and (c) of section 404 of the Nationality Act of 1940, as amended (8 U.S.C. 804 (b) and (c)), shall not be held to be or to have been applicable to persons defined in this paragraph.

Section 352 (A) (2) Not Applicable as to Certain Persons

Sec. 354. Section 352 (a) (2) of this title shall have no application to a national--

(1) who is a veteran of the Spanish-American War, World War I, or World War II, and the spouse, children, and dependent parents of such veteran whether such residence in the territory of a foreign state or states commenced before or after the effective date of this Act: *Provided*, That any such veteran who upon the date of the enactment of this Act has had his residence continuously in the territory of a foreign state of which he was formerly a national or in which the place of his birth is situated for three years or more, and who has retained his United States nationality solely by reason of the provisions of section 406 (h) of the Nationality Act of 1940, shall not be subject to the provisions or requirements of Section 352 (a) (1) of this title: *Provided further*, That the provisions of section 404 (c) of the Nationality Act of 1940, as amended, shall not be held to be or to have been applicable to veterans of World War II;

(2) who has established to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State, as evidenced by possession of a valid unexpired United States passport or other valid document issued by the Secretary of State, that his residence is temporarily outside of the United States for the purpose of (A) carrying on a commercial enterprise which in the opinion of the Secretary of State will directly and substantially benefit American trade or commerce; or (B) carrying on scientific research on behalf of an institution accredited by the Secretary of State and engaged in research which in the opinion of the Secretary of State is directly and substantially beneficial to the interests of the United States; or (C) engaging in such work or activities, under such unique or unusual circumstances, as may be determined by the Secretary of State to be directly and substantially beneficial to the interests of the United States;

(3) who is the widow or widower of a citizen of the United States and who has attained the age of sixty years, and who has had a residence outside of the United States and its outlying possessions for a period of not less than ten years during all of which period a marriage relationship has existed with a spouse who has had a residence outside of the United States and its outlying possessions in an occupation or capacity of the type designated in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) (A) of section 353, or paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of this section;

(4) who has attained the age of sixty years, and has had a residence outside of the United States and its outlying possessions for not less than ten years during all of which period he has been engaged in an occupation of the type designated in paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of section 353, or paragraph (2) of this section, and who is in bona fide retirement from such occupation; or

(5) who shall have had his residence in the United States for not less than twenty-five years subsequent to his naturalization and prior to the establishment of his foreign residence.

Loss of American Nationality Through Parent's Expatriation; Not Effective Until Person Attains Age of Twenty-Five Years

Sec. 355. A person having United States nationality, who is under the age of twenty-one and whose residence is in a foreign state with or under the legal custody of a parent who hereafter loses United States nationality under section 350 or 352 of this title, shall also lose his United States nationality if such person has or acquires the nationality of such foreign state: *Provided*, That, in such case, United States nationality shall not be lost as the result of loss of United States nationality by the parent unless and until the person attains the age of twenty-five years without having established his residence in the United States.

Nationality Lost Solely From Performance of Acts or
Fulfillment of Conditions

Sec. 356. The loss of nationality under this chapter shall result solely from the performance by a national of the acts or fulfillment of the conditions specified in this chapter.

Application of Treaties; Exceptions

Sec. 357. Nothing in this title shall be applied in contravention of the provisions of any treaty or convention to which the United States is a party and which has been ratified by the Senate upon the effective date of this title: *Provided, however*, That no woman who was a national of the United States shall be deemed to have lost her nationality solely by reason of her marriage to an alien on or after September 22, 1922, or to an alien racially ineligible to citizenship on or after March 3, 1931, or, in the case of a woman who was a United States citizen at birth, through residence abroad following such marriage, notwithstanding the provisions of any existing treaty or convention.

TITLE IV--MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 402. (j) Public Law 114, Eighty-second Congress, first session, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"That a person who, while a citizen of the United States, has lost citizenship of the United States solely by reason of having voted in a political election or plebiscite held in Italy between January 1, 1946, and April 18, 1948, inclusive, and who has not subsequent to such voting committed any act which, had he remained a citizen, would have operated to expatriate him, may be naturalized by taking, prior to two years from the enactment of this Act, before any naturalization court specified in subsection (a) of section 310 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, or before any diplomatic or consular officer of the United States abroad, the oath required by section 337 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Certified copies of such oath shall be sent by such diplomatic or consular officer or such court to the Department of State and to the Department of Justice. Such person shall have, from and after naturalization under this section, the same citizenship status as that which existed immediately prior to its loss: *Provided*, That no such person shall be eligible to take the oath required by section 337 of the Immigration and Nationality Act unless he shall first take an oath before any naturalization court specified in subsection (a) of section 310 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, or before any diplomatic or consular officer of the United States abroad, that he has done nothing to promote the cause of communism. The illegal or fraudulent procurement of naturalization under this amendment shall be subject to cancellation in the same manner as provided in section 340 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

"Sec. 2. The Act of August 7, 1946 (Public Law 614; 60 Stat. 866), is hereby repealed."

Sec. 407.****this Act shall take effect at 12:01****United States Eastern Standard Time on the one hundred eightieth day immediately following the date of its enactment.

NOTE:

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Sec. 101 (a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act reads in part:

"(33) The term 'residence' means the place of general abode; the place of general abode of a person means his principal, actual dwelling place in fact, without regard to intent. Residence shall be considered continuous for the purposes of sections 350 and 352 of title III where there is a continuity of stay but not necessarily an uninterrupted physical presence in a foreign state or states or outside the United States."

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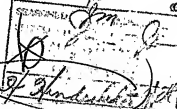
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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Washington T-1, who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past, advised he did not recognize photograph of GEORGE KOVAL and name of subject means nothing to him.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington T-1, who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past, but who is a former official of Red Army Intelligence, was interviewed on September 9, 1954. He advised that he did not recognize the photograph of GEORGE KOVAL as anyone he has ever known in or out of Soviet intelligence circles. He stated that the name GEORGE KOVAL meant nothing to him.

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SYNOPSIS:

SUMMARY REPORT

Subject reportedly born 12/25/13 at Sioux City, Iowa, resided Sioux City, Iowa, and NYC, 1938-1948. Employed with Raven Electric Company, NYC, owned and operated by alleged Soviet agent, BENJAMIN W. LASSER, from 1938-1943; US Army, including assignment on Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 1943-1946; as European Sales Representative with Atlas Trading Corporation in 1948. Graduated sum laude with Electrical Engineering degree from College of the City of New York, February, 1948, possibly a member of AYD at CCNY in 1944.

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The records of the Veterans Administration, 252 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., College of the City of New York, Atomic Energy Security File, and T-1, another Government agency which retains personnel records, all disclosed that the subject was born on December 25, 1913, at Sioux City, Iowa.

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Mrs. BETTY FETTERMAN, Departmental Clerk, Office of the Clerk of the District Court for Woodbury County, Iowa, advised there was no record of birth for GEORGE KOVAL during 1912, 1913, or 1914 in that office. A similar last name was located in Book F, page 138, of Birth, that being a LOUIS KAVALL. The record reflected that this individual was born on January 22, 1912, in Sioux City, Iowa. His father was listed as ABE KAVALL, 1214 10th Street, white, age thirty, born in Russia, occupation carpenter. The mother was listed as ETHEL SHENISKE, white, age twenty-eight, also born in Russia.

Residences

<u>Period</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Source</u>
1936	619 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa	Manhattan Engineering District Security File
1936-1939	311 West 72nd Street New York, New York	Manhattan Engineering District Security File
1939-1941	3451 Giles Place Bronx, New York	Manhattan Engineering District Security File
1941-1943	3470 Cannon Place Bronx, New York	Manhattan Engineering District Security File
3/10/45	SED Barracks Oak Ridge, Tennessee	Manhattan Engineering District Security File
Fall, 1946 - Fall, 1948	[REDACTED] Bronx, New York	[REDACTED]

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Employments

<u>Period</u>	<u>Employee At</u>	<u>Source</u>
1933-1940	Farmer	T-1
1933-1936	Square Deal Company, 928 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa	Manhattan Engineering District Security File
1937-1939	Mid-Town Electric Company, Inc., 11 West 25th Street, New York, New York	Manhattan Engineering District Security File
1939-1943	Raven Electric Company, Inc., 11 West 25th Street, New York, New York	Manhattan Engineering District Security File
February, 1943 - February, 1946	United States Army, Veterans Administration, Technician, 3rd Grade, New York, New York Camp Atterbury, Indiana	
February, 1947 - May, 1947	Medical Salvage Company, 217 East 23rd Street, New York, New York	Veterans Administration, New York, New York
March, 1948-	Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York, New York	Passport Division, United States Department of State

Military Background

T-1 advised that GEORGE KOVAL had registered under the Selective Service Act of 1940 with Order No. 12928, Serial No. 2987, indicating his residence as in care of SILVER, Apartment 42, 3470 Cannon Place, Bronx, New York. He indicated Mrs. SARAH ROSE, 100 Van Cortlandt Avenue, Bronx, New York, a friend, was a person who would always know his whereabouts. He registered on

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January 2, 1941, at Local Board 126, Bronx, New York. On his questionnaire dated March 19, 1941, he indicated he attended the State University of Iowa for two and one-half years, during which time he studied electrical engineering. He indicated he was employed as a counterman at an electrical supply house for a period of three months, listing his employment as the Raven Electric Company, Incorporated, 11 West 25th Street, New York, New York. He indicated previous occupational experience as a farmer at intervals from 1933 to 1940. He further stated that he was then attending Columbia University attempting to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree. *farmer (Coul)*

T-1 advised that on April 16, 1942, B. W. LASSEN, President of Rayon Electric Company, 11 West 25th Street, New York, New York, requested a deferment for GEORGE KOVAL for a period of at least three months, indicating that he was their key man. On February 4, 1943, KOVAL was inducted into the United States Army at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and was given Army Serial No. 32790994. His residence at that time was 3451 Giles Place, Bronx, New York, and he listed a friend, Mrs. TILLIE SILVER, same address, as the person to be notified in case of an emergency. KOVAL was discharged on February 12, 1946, at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, for the convenience of the Government, and he participated in no battles or campaigns.

A review of the Manhattan Engineering District Security File in custody of the Atomic Energy Commission, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, furnished background information on the subject and noted that a personnel security questionnaire dated March 10, 1945, indicated that the subject was then employed in the Health Physics Department, Development, Clinton Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The file also contained an affidavit dated June 23, 1945, certifying that GEORGE KOVAL knew it to be his duty to safeguard classified information which had come to his attention. There was no indication of the period of time that the subject was employed at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Mr. L. P. RIORDAN, Chief, Plant Protection Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, formerly known as the Clinton Laboratory, advised that his records indicated that GEORGE KOVAL was fingerprinted as a Mathematician on August 15, 1944, and that he worked in the Health Physics Department.

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Mr. RIORDAN advised that he had no information as to the amount of classified data or the type of such information to which GEORGE KOVAL had access. He observed, however, that the information could vary from unclassified to top secret. He added that due to the large numbers of military personnel employed at the laboratory during World War II, very little information of a personal nature was obtained.

The records of the Veterans Administration, 252 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, on March 25, 1954, disclosed Veterans Administration File 12444012 on GEORGE KOVAL (no middle name), 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York. The file disclosed that on September 4, 1946, KOVAL applied for educational benefits to pursue an Electrical Engineering course at the School of Technology, College of the City of New York. He entered training on September 23, 1946, and terminated this training on February 29, 1948. KOVAL entered the United States Army on February 11, 1943, at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and received an honorable discharge on February 12, 1946, as Technician, 3rd Grade, at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. He attended the Army Specialized Training Program from August, 1943, to August, 1944, during which time he studied electrical engineering at the College of the City of New York.

KOVAL's Army Separation Qualification Record disclosed he completed two and one-half years of college at the State University of Iowa in electrical engineering and that he also spent one year studying organic chemistry at Columbia University, New York, New York.

He held a civilian job as purchasing agent with the Raven Electric Supply Company from 1939 to February, 1943. He was engaged in purchasing electrical supplies and equipment for a supply company from a manufacturer for wholesale trade. He made purchasing trips to various manufacturing concerns in New York and Pennsylvania.

In his military career, KOVAL was an Engineering Aide, having worked on the Manhattan Engineering Project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Dayton, Ohio. He assisted in performing technical work involving the development of apparatus, collection, and transposition of data incident to research in and the development of Army material.

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The Veterans Administration file contained his signature and a photostat of fingerprints from his right hand and indicated he was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Victory Medal. He indicated his permanent residence as 3451 Giles Place, Bronx, New York, and he was discharged for reasons of demobilization.

A letter was addressed to GEORGE KOVAL by the Veterans Administration to the 2004 Valentino Avenue, Bronx, New York, address dated February 26, 1952, for over-payment of subsistence which was returned stamped "Not at address given." A previous letter dated September 15, 1949, had also been returned stamped "Removed, left no address."

Education

The Manhattan Engineering District Security File at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, disclosed that the subject attended the Armstrong School, Sioux City, 1918-1925; Woodrow Wilson Junior High School, 1925-1926; and the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, September, 1929 - February, 1932.

The following investigation at the College of the City of New York, 139th Street and Convent Avenue, New York, New York, was conducted by SA ROBERT J. BURTON on June 10, 18, and 29, 1954:

Mr. DONALD WITHERS, Clerk, Day Session, Registrar's Office, produced a record of GEORGE KOVAL, no middle name, who was born on December 25, 1913, at Sioux City, Iowa, and resided at 2004 Valentino Avenue, Bronx, New York. The records disclosed that his parents were both deceased, his father having been born in Poland and becoming a naturalized United States citizen about 1919.

KOVAL attended Central Hall High School in Sioux City, Iowa, from September, 1925, to June of 1929. He also attended the State University of Iowa, but no dates for same were given. He entered the College of the City of New York, on September 5, 1946, and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Electrical Engineering on February 1, 1948, cum laude. He ranked fourth in a class of 186 engineers and second in a class of sixty-seven electrical engineers. He was also awarded credit for work from September, 1929, to February 2, 1932, which was not otherwise explained.

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He was in the United States Army from February 4, 1943, to February 12, 1946, and was an Army Specialized Training Program student at the College of the City of New York from August 9, 1943, to July 29, 1944. His record was clear and there was no unfavorable information contained therein.

Mr. KARL H. UTSINGER, Director of Admissions, Day Session, Registrar's Office, produced the records of Army Specialized Training Program students which disclosed the following information:

GEORGE KOVAL, born on December 25, 1913, holder of Army Serial No. 32790994, was a resident of 3151 Giles Place, Bronx, New York. He was screened at Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, and had an AGCT score of 152. He attended a total of four terms of Army Specialized Training Program training from August 9, 1943, to July 29, 1944, and was rated as a very good student. He was a Corporal and assigned to Company A of the 101st Engineer Battalion and had been employed as a purchaser prior to his induction.

Dean JAMES S. PEACE, Associate Dean of Students, advised that there was no record in his office of questionable activity on the part of GEORGE KOVAL or of any disciplinary action having been taken against him at the College of the City of New York.

Miss HELEN NOVICK, Alumni Secretary, 140th Street and Convent Avenue, New York, New York, advised that the only information in their files was that GEORGE KOVAL received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree in 1948 and that his address as of March, 1951, was 14 Metropolitan Oval, Bronx, New York, Telephone No. TR 3-3081.

Miss NOVICK was recontacted on October 19, 1954, at which time she advised that the 14 Metropolitan Oval, Bronx, New York, address for GEORGE KOVAL was an administrative error and the last address for the subject should be 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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Possible Foreign Travel

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The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., which were reviewed by SA HAROLD E. CAMPBELL, JR. on July 27, 1954, and August 2, 1954, reflect that GEORGE KOVAL (no middle name shown) was born on December 25, 1913, at Sioux City, Iowa, and was issued Passport No. 170092 on March 15, 1948, for proposed travel on business for Atlas Trading Corporation, New York, New York, to France, Belgium, Switzerland, Sweden, and Poland, in approximately March, 1948, for a duration of approximately four to six months. KOVAL's application for the same passport reflected his address in March, 1948, as 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx 57, New York, and indicated that he was an electrical engineer by profession. The identifying witness on this passport application was HERBERT J. SANDBERG, 254 West 98th Street, New York 25, New York, who indicated he had known KOVAL for a period of approximately five years and was not KOVAL's relative.

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The passport records pertaining to KOVAL further indicated that his parents were both deceased as of 1948 but had resided at Sioux City, Iowa, prior to their deaths. ABRAHAM BERNARD KOVAL (father) was born in Russia in about 1881 and was a naturalized American citizen who came to the United States in approximately 1910, and ETHEL SHENITSKY KOVAL (mother) was also born in Russia in about 1883 and came to the United States in about 1911, according to those records.

Further reflected in the files of the Passport Office is correspondence addressed to that office from the Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York 4, New York, dated March 8, 1948. Said correspondence set forth that KOVAL would act as a representative of the Atlas Trading Corporation, an export-import firm, on a commission basis in France, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland, and Poland, and also requested the issuance of the necessary passport and/or other travel documents for KOVAL's travel to those countries. The correspondence was signed by Mr. P. R. RINCOMES, President, Atlas Trading Corporation.

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Neighborhood

Mr. SIDNEY PADERMACHT, Superintendent of 3451 Giles Place and 3470 Cannon Place, New York, New York, advised on March 26, 1954, that both the aforementioned addresses were properly used for the large apartment development located in that area. He noted that the apartment development changed hands on December 15, 1948, and most of the rental records prior to that time were destroyed.

Mr. PADERMACHT stated that in 1941 the tenant listed for Apartment 142 at 3451 Giles Place was listed as SILVER, who continued to occupy that apartment until October 21, 1942, at which time a new tenant by the name of PERRY took possession of the apartment. The records for the years 1943 to 1949 were destroyed and there was no indication of a GEORGE KOVAL having resided in the building. ✓

Mr. PADERMACHT observed that at one time the development had been a cooperative and the occupancy was still approximately 40 per cent Communist Party sympathizers or members. He stated he would attempt to make inquiry among tenants he considered reliable to determine the whereabouts of SILVER or KOVAL.

Mr. PADERMACHT was recontacted on June 9, 1954, at which time he advised that inquiries among tenants who had resided in that development for twenty years or more failed to disclose any information concerning GEORGE KOVAL. He did ascertain that Mrs. SILVER, who had once resided in Apartment 142 later moved into the K building of that development and subsequently moved to California. Mrs. SILVER had resided alone for the greater part of that period, but Mr. PADERMACHT could obtain no additional background information. The tenant who had furnished the foregoing data did not know Mrs. SILVER's current whereabouts and could not recall the year Mrs. SILVER departed.

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T-2, of known reliability, advised on March 26, 1954, that he had no information or removal address concerning GEORGE KOVAL.

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T-3, of known reliability, who has worked in the area of Gilos Place and Cannon Place for the past eight years, advised on March 26, 1954, that he recalled that at the end of World War II when he returned to his work in that area having made inquiries concerning the whereabouts of one TILLIE SILVER. Inquiries at that time disclosed the information that she was deceased. T-3 also remembered the name GEORGE KOVAL from prior to World War II, but he had neither seen nor heard anything concerning that name since that time.

Mrs. SARAH ROSE, 100 Van Cortlandt Avenue South, Bronx, New York, advised on March 25 and 26, 1954, that after carefully searching her memory, she could not recall anyone by the name of GEORGE KOVAL nor was she familiar with anyone by the name of SILVER who lived in the vicinity of Cannon Place or Giles Place in the Bronx. She acknowledged that both those addresses were close to her residence but that she could not recall ever meeting anyone by the aforementioned name and could offer no explanation as to why she would be listed on a Government record as always knowing the whereabouts of GEORGE KOVAL.

T-4, of known reliability, advised on June 9 and 11, 1954, that he had no forwarding address for GEORGE KOVAL from 2004 Valentino Avenue, Bronx, New York. He contacted the employee who used to work in that area, but the employee also had no recollection of the name GEORGE KOVAL.

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Bronx, New York, advised on June 10 and 14, 1954, that GEORGE KOVAL had resided in an apartment in that building approximately four and one-half years ago, having moved in apparently on his release from the Army in the fall of 1946. He remained there about three years and then departed for Europe, after which she never heard anything further from him or concerning him.

She stated that KOVAL was attending school during the period he stayed there, that he kept very much to himself, going out infrequently, and had only one visitor who used to come to see him. This man was in his sixties, had gray hair, stocky build, foreign accent, appeared to be of French nationality, was about

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5'7" tall, cleanly dressed, nicely mannered, and wore a regular short board. He visited KOVAL about two times and was the only visitor KOVAL had to Mrs. GARDNER's knowledge. She viewed several photographs of BENJAMIN LASSEN and stated the visitor was not identical with LASSEN. She commented that GEORGE KOVAL did not talk of his background to any great extent; however, she did understand that he lost his parents at an early age and was reared in an orphanage, possibly in Cleveland, Ohio. He supposedly had one aunt, who never took much interest in him, and he appeared to be very poorly fixed financially.

Mrs. GARDNER stated that KOVAL departed with virtually no notice in the fall of the year he completed his schooling. He came in the morning of his departure, packed his trunk and left, stating that he was going to Europe. Mrs. GARDNER has not heard from him since that time. It was her impression that he may have obtained employment with the United States Government inasmuch as she believed that a brown, Army-type jeep called for KOVAL's trunk. She could not recall the exact date of his departure other than it was definitely in the fall of the year that he graduated from the College of the City of New York, where he had been studying engineering. She did not know KOVAL to have any employment other than as a student. She stated that she had never heard of BENJAMIN LASSEN or the Raven Electric Company. She observed that Dr. M. LIEBSON, Dentist, who was in that building, had treated KOVAL on occasion.

Dr. M. LIEBSON, Dentist, 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised on June 14, 1954, that he knew very little concerning GEORGE KOVAL other than he had lived in that building for several years, during which time he had treated KOVAL's teeth on one or two occasions. Dr. LIEBSON advised that he has no longer retained the dental records of KOVAL and knew little concerning his departure other than it was sudden and that KOVAL expressed some intention of working in Europe. He recalled that KOVAL's departure occurred six months to one year after he completed his schooling.

Activities

T-5, another Government agency which conducts security investigations, on February 8, 1944, furnished a report on the

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activities of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) at the College of the City of New York. The informant noted an executive meeting of the Tom Paine Club, the local AYD unit at the College of the City of New York, was held on January 28, 1944. The first order of business concerned the naming of committees and included among the committees listed and members thereof was one KOVAL listed as a member of the Recruitment Committee.

The AYD has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-14, of known reliability, advised in 1944 that the name KAVAIL appeared among the notes and documents of PAUL I. ROTOMSKY, with aliases, Attache of the USSR Consulate-General, New York City in 1944.

Mr. SIDNEY ROTHSTEIN, 140 Nassau Street, New York, New York, attorney handling the general assignment of the Raven Electric Company, Incorporated, in favor of creditors, made available on February 14, 1952, various books and records relating to the operation of that company to SA JOHN F. FAGAN and SA (A) LOUIS H. WOJWODE. Those records contained a list of former employees of Raven Electric Company and included therein was GEORGE KOVAL, Social Security No. 152-18-0975, 3470 Cannon Place, Bronx, New York; He was employed during the period of January 2, 1942, to March 27, 1942, and was elected to the Board of Directors on May 15, 1942.

T-6, of known reliability, advised on October 26, 1949, that BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, also known as BENJAMIN W. LASSOFF, organized and was elected President and Treasurer of the Raven Electric Company, Incorporated, New York, New York.

T-7, of known reliability, advised on October 12, 1949, that she had known one ROSOFF who had been in the electrical business in New York City. The informant did not know ROSOFF to be a member of the Communist Party but stated he was devoted to the aims and purposes of the Russian Revolution.

On February 20, 1950, the informant advised a photograph of BENJAMIN W. LASSEN taken in 1922 was identical with the ROSOFF she had previously described.

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new T-8, of ~~unknown~~ *known* reliability, a former Comintern agent ~~who has furnished reliable information in the past~~ *is unknown since he has in the past furnished both reliable and unreliable information.* advised on April 16, 1952, after viewing photographs of BENJAMIN WILLIAM LASSOFF, that the person portrayed is identical to one LASSOFF. According to the ~~informant~~ *informant*, LASSOFF was a regular "customer" at the office of Internationaler Arbeiter Hilfo (Workers International Relief - W. I. R.) at Berlin during the 1929-1932 period. It was the ~~informant's~~ *informant's* recollection that he had seen LASSOFF come to the W. I. R. office at least five to six times. Reportedly, LASSOFF was given a Russian visa and he would go into the Soviet Union. ~~The informant~~ *Gibart* was of the opinion that LASSOFF must have had a "confidential assignment" since he did not mix with the regular Communist Party crowd in Berlin.

Gibart Subsequently, ~~the informant~~ *Gibart* stated he saw LASSOFF again in New York City during 1938. The place of the meeting was the offices of World Tourists on Broadway and Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. On this occasion the ~~informant~~ *Gibart* saw LASSOFF in the company of JACOB GOLOS. It was the ~~informant's~~ *informant's* contention that LASSOFF, during this period, was an important contact for Soviet agents and a close friend of "JOSEPHSON."

Gibart The ~~informant~~ *Gibart* also recalled that prior to 1929, LASSOFF was a member of the International Workers Order and a good friend of WILLIAM WEINER.

The Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities Report of 1938, page 122, stated: "The American Section of the W. I. R. ... like those sections in other countries, was controlled by 'fraction' leaders who, according to Article I, Section 7, of the Communist International Constitution, were responsible to the Comintern at Moscow."

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

ELIZABETH BENTLEY, self-admitted former Soviet agent, has previously identified JACOB GOLOS as her superior.

T-9, of known reliability, has advised that WILLIAM WEINER is generally regarded as the man responsible for the

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finances of the Communist Party and as one of the most important Communists in the movement.

T-10, of unknown reliability, was shown passport photographs of BENJAMIN WILLIAM LASSEN on April 24, 1952, and without being advised of his name or background data, the informant recognized him and was quite sure of this identification as one LOSEV, whom he thought came directly from Russia to the Amtorg Trading Corporation, New York, New York. The informant believed him to be undoubtedly identical with LOSEV (first name not known) and believed LOSEV came to the Amtorg Trading Corporation in 1928, because he recalled seeing him in the old Amtorg building near the Battery, New York City, and also recalled seeing him when the Amtorg Trading Corporation moved to their new quarters near 28th Street and Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

During the period that LOSEV was with the Amtorg Trading Corporation, he associated only with the Russian group and not with the American group. Further, there were very few at Amtorg who associated with LOSEV due to some unknown fear of him.

When furnished LASSEN's full name and background, the informant stated the German or French spelling of LOSEV would be LOSSEFF. The informant added that LOSEV's trips to Europe could very well have been in behalf of the Amtorg Trading Corporation, which company is the official Russian trading agency in New York City.

[redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service Consultant and member of the Communist Party, USA, from 1929 to 1937, observed photographs of BENJAMIN LASSEN and his wife, GERTRUDE, on April 23, 1952. NOWELL stated that the photograph of BENJAMIN LASSEN taken in 1929 strongly resembled an individual whom he met in the presence of J. PETERS, JACOB GOLOS, and others on the seventh floor of the Flatiron Building in New York City in 1929. The informant was unable to recall the details or purpose of the meeting on that occasion, but added that it was his recollection that LASSEN was a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party at that time. He stated that LASSEN was also present at a discussion involving the selection of members of the Control Commission of the

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Communist Party which took place in 1930 in New York City in an old opera house off Union Square. He also believed LASSEN had accompanied EARL BROWDER to China or followed him a year or so later. However, he could not recall any further activities concerning LASSEN. He did not recall seeing him after 1930 and had no additional background information concerning him.

T-11, of unknown reliability, a former member of the Communist Party, on February 18, 1943, identified ALEXANDER STEVENS as J. PETERS, who WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, on May 13, 1942, classified as the head of the Communist underground movement in the United States.

EARL BROWDER was the former National Chairman of the Communist Political Association.

Mr. GEORGE KOVAL, employed by Engine Company 35, East 119th Street between Second and Third Avenues, New York, New York, residing at 14 Metropolitan Oval, Bronx, New York, advised on August 6, 1954, that he had never been associated with the Raven Electric Company, BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, nor was he a veteran of the Armed Forces. He stated that he has on numerous occasions been mistaken for another GEORGE KOVAL, however, in line with the following incidents:

He commented that he and the other GEORGE KOVAL apparently both studied at the College of the City of New York at different times, he having taken some economic courses there in 1935. He is the only GEORGE KOVAL listed in the Bronx Telephone Directory and particularly during 1949 numerous telephone calls came to his residence from females indicating they had met him in various cities around the United States. On the basis of the conversations held between these individuals and his wife, they both came to the conclusion that the other KOVAL must have been employed as a merchant seaman or in some form of service in that he was believed to have been wearing a Naval uniform of some type.

Mr. KOVAL stated that he vividly recalls one particular such incident in 1949, during which time two girls contacted his

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wife mentioning they had met him when he was in Albuquerque. It so happened that he was on vacation himself at that time but he had not been in New Mexico.

Mr. KOVAL contacted his wife for any additional information that she could furnish, and she substantiated most of the foregoing. She also advised that a GEORGE KOVAL had been listed in the newspapers a few years ago as having won \$500.00 in the Irish Sweepstakes but they did not know if it was the same individual.

Mr. KOVAL stated that he does not recall any recent telephone contacts but most other association has been by mail and that he still receives some form of electrical society magazine which he does not subscribe to. He also recalled that approximately two years ago he began to receive some form of Communist publication called the "National Guardian" and on attempting to ascertain how he received a subscription, the publishers informed him it was entered by an unknown party. He stated he had no additional information concerning KOVAL and in the event he did receive any indication of where the other GEORGE KOVAL is presently located, he would immediately notify the New York Office.

T-12, who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past, but who is a former official of Red Army Intelligence, was interviewed on September 9, 1954. He advised that he did not recognize a photograph of GEORGE KOVAL as anyone he has ever known in or out of Soviet Intelligence circles. He added that the name GEORGE KOVAL meant nothing to him.

Miscellaneous

The records of the following agencies at Washington, D.C. failed to reflect any information identifiable with GEORGE KOVAL, born on December 25, 1913, at Sioux City, Iowa, as of September 15, 1954:

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Military Sea Transportation Service
Maritime Service
Army Transport Service
Merchant Marine

The files of T-13, another Government agency, failed to reflect any information identifiable with the subject.

Description

The following description of the subject was obtained from T-1, the Veterans Administration, the State Department, and the Atomic Energy Commission:

Name	GEORGE KOVAL
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	December 25, 1913
Place of Birth	Sioux City, Iowa
Height	5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " - 6'
Weight	170-175 lbs.
Hair	Black-dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium-dark
Scars and Marks	None noted
Occupation	Electrical Engineer, Farmer, Counterman
Marital Status	Single
Immediate Relatives	Father, BERNARD ABRAHAM KOVAL, Carpenter, born in about 1885 near Pinsk, Poland, naturalized in about 1917 in Sioux City, Iowa, died in 1933, Sioux City, Iowa. Mother, ETHEL KOVAL, housewife, born in about 1888 near Pinsk, Poland, naturalized in 1917, in Sioux City, Iowa, died in February, 1934, in Sioux City, Iowa.

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Immediate Relatives
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References Listed
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Army Serial No.

Brothers, ISIAH KOVAL,
Sioux City, Iowa, born
in the United States,
American citizen;
GABRIEL KOVAL, Sioux City,
Iowa, born in United States,
American citizen.
Mrs. TILLIE SILVER,
3451 Giles Place,
Bronx, New York;
known four years.
First Lieutenant JACOB VITZ,
1001st Engineers, APO No. 26;
Known one year.
Dr. HARRY HANSTEIN, College
of the City of New York,
New York, New York; known
one year.
Dr. HAROLD WOLF, College of
the City of New York, New York,
New York;
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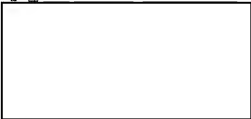
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T-1 Records of Selective Service Headquarters, NYC.	Background of GEORGE AOVIL.	4/5/52	SE DONALD C. STRELETZKY	65-14743-275
T-2  NYC,		3/26/54	HARRY E. HINDERLITER	65-14743-347
T-3  Broadway, NYC.		3/26/54	HARRY E. HINDERLITER	65-14743-347
T-4  NY,		6/9/54	HARRY E. HINDERLITER	65-14743-359

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T-6 [redacted]	Used for Documentation			65-14743-143
T-7 [redacted]	Used for Documentation.			65-14743-19
St., Los Angeles, California.				
T-8 LOUIS GILBERTI	DELETE Used for Documentation			65-14743-174
T-9 [redacted]	Used for Documentation.			
T-10 [redacted]	Used for Documentation.			65-14743-191

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Files of US Coast Guard Intelligence, Washington, D.C,

Negative

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SE FRED T. GHEEN

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T-14

Anonymous source of Chicago Office mentioned in report of SA WILLIAM E. WARD, 1/12/45, NY, captioned "PAUL I. ROTOMSKY, was; Is - R."

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Will check records of the University of Iowa for all available background and activity of the subject.

Will ascertain former residences, employments, and schools from above records and will display photographs of subject to persons who know GEORGE KOVAL to confirm identity.

Through above leads and resultant information, investigation should be conducted to determine whether subject's parents are in fact deceased and if not, their present whereabouts.

Will determine the whereabouts of brothers of subject, ISIAH and GABRIEL KOVAL.

- (S) Will be alert to possibility subject is identical with LOUIS KAVAL, born on January 22, 1912, as shown in the report of SA HAYNE A. THOMPSON, dated August 22, 1951. Omaha, captioned "Unknown Subject, was: [REDACTED] ESPIONAGE - R," and will determine whether subject assumed identity of GEORGE KOVAL, born on December 25, 1913. b1

The foregoing leads are listed as a guide only and are not to be considered all inclusive. Omaha should conduct such investigation as necessary, including a check of all logical informants and sources of information to completely determine the subject's early history. This investigation is necessary inasmuch as the allegations against BENJAMIN W. LASSEN and the Raven Electric Company, which the subject was Director of in 1942 are such to make it conceivable that GEORGE KOVAL is an assumed identity on the part of the subject. LASSEN is the chief suspect for Russian agent FARADAY operating in NYC in 1941, who was allegedly in contact with and responsible for paying additional Soviet agents such as ARTHUR ADAMS and agents with code names ARSHANSKY, PAPA, and others. Accordingly, any information as to

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nicknames, code names, or questionable data concerning the subject's identity in the course of above investigation should be fully explored. It is expressly desired that substantiating information be obtained from individuals who personally know the subject rather than merely public sources where the data contained therein originated with the subject himself.

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

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Will forward two copies of subject's photograph taken in 1944 in connection with subject's passport application to the Omaha and New York Offices. Photographs previously forwarded New York as enclosures to the report of SA HAROLD E. CAMPBELL, JR., August 13, 1954, at Washington, D.C., captioned "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was [redacted] ESPIONAGE - R," cannot currently be located.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will contact [redacted] for background on Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York, New York; if no reason exists to the contrary, will contact same for background and activity of subject.

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Will contact Medical Salvage Company, 217 East 23rd Street, New York, New York, for background and activity of subject.

Will check records of Columbia University for background and activity of subject. ✓

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to New York, 8/27/54.

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Director, FBI (65-75859)

10/28/54

SAC, New York (65-16756)

GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Enclosed are five copies of summary report of
SA HARRY E. HINDERLITER, JR., NY, dated 10/28/54.

Information previously reported in report of SA HARRY E.
HINDERLITER, JR., dated 2/20/53, captioned "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was:
ESPIONAGE - R" concerning one GEORGE KOVAL b1
attending a meeting of the Back of the Yards Club in Chicago,
Illinois, on 11/17/44, and being elected delegate to the "Daily
Worker" Press Conference to be held 11/26/44 was not included
in enclosed report inasmuch as subsequent information discloses
subject was fingerprinted at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, on 8/15/44,
and was not discharged from the United States Army until 2/12/46,
making it very unlikely he is identical with the foregoing activity.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

November 9, 1954

SAC, WFO (65-6901)

GEORGE KOVAL
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Re report of SA HARRY E. HINDERLITER, Jr., dated
October 28, 1954, at New York.

In compliance with the lead set forth in referenced
report there is enclosed one copy each of the photograph of
subject for the New York and Omaha Offices. This is a passport
photo taken in 1948 and is the only one available.

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1-CC-OMAHA (Encl-1) -- REGISTERED MAIL

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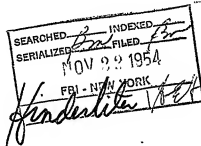
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SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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Rerep of SA Harry E. Hinderliter, Jr.
dated 10/28/54 at New York, on pages 10 and 11 of,
which is reported a contact with George Koval by
an unidentified individual. It is suggested that
available photographs of Jacob Broches Aronoff,
whose photograph and description are set forth in
the Intelligence Album, be displayed to

[redacted] Brooklyn,
New York, for possible identification.

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FROM : Director, FBI (65-62911)

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Rerep of Special Agent Harry E. Hinderlter, dated October 28, 1954. A review of Bureau files has disclosed many references to the Atlas Trading Corporation for which George Koval was reported to be serving as European sales representative at the time of his departure from the United States in 1948. The greater bulk of these references are available to the New York office, but your attention is specifically called to page 69 of the report of Special Agent R. N. Pranke dated 5/24/41 at New York in the case captioned "Amtorg Trading Corporation, Espionage - R," New York file 65-7471, in which it was reported that, according to an undated letter from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Atlas Trading Company, Ltd., and other companies were controlled by G. G. Serkau, of the Platinum Corporation of America, New York, who had connections with the Amtorg Trading Corporation.

It is suggested that the agent to whom this case is assigned may wish to confer with agents of the New York office currently handling Yugoslav investigations, who are, undoubtedly, familiar with the Atlas Trading Corporation and may be in a position to suggest some contact through whom details of Koval's employment with that organization may be determined.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE DEC 8 1954	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/19; 12/7, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 20/54	REPORT MADE BY HARRY E. HINDERLITER, JR. <i>etc</i>
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informants advise **GEORGE KOVAL** not known to be currently employed by **Atlas Trading Corporation, NYC**. **HERBERT J. SANDBERG**, listed as a witness on subject's passport application, identified as physicist with **Norden Laboratories, White Plains, NY**, who was formerly a college instructor at **CUNY**.

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DETAILS:

IDENTIFICATION OF PASSPORT DATA

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., which were reviewed by **SA HAROLD E. CAMPBELL, JR.** on July 27, 1954, and August 2, 1954, reflect that **GEORGE KOVAL** (no middle name shown) was born on December 25, 1913, at **Sioux City, Iowa**, and was issued Passport No. 170092 on March 15, 1948, for proposed travel on business for **Atlas Trading Corporation, New York, New York**, to **France, Belgium, Switzerland, Sweden, and Poland**, in approximately March, 1948, for a duration of approximately four to six months. **KOVAL'S** application for the same passport reflected his address in March, 1948, as **2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx 57, New York**, and indicated that he was an

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electrical engineer by profession. The identifying witness on this passport application was HERBERT J. SANDBERG, 254 West 98th Street, New York 25, New York, who indicated he had known KOVAL for a period of approximately five years and was not KOVAL'S relative.

Further reflected in the files of the Passport Office is correspondence addressed to that office from the Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York 4, New York, dated March 8, 1948. Said correspondence set forth that KOVAL would act as a representative of the Atlas Trading Corporation, an export-import firm, on a commission basis in France, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland, and Poland, and also requested the issuance of the necessary passport and/or other travel documents for KOVAL'S travel to these countries. The correspondence was signed by Mr. P. R. RINGONES, President, Atlas Trading Corporation.

Atlas Trading Corporation
17 Battery Place
New York 4, New York

T-1, of known reliability, advised on October 19, 1954, that they had no information concerning the subject. With reference to the Atlas Trading Corporation, the informant advised by report dated October 7, 1954, that this concern is engaged in business as exporters of general merchandise from offices in rooms 1340 - 1341 at 17 Battery Place, New York 4, New York. FRED BAUM is president with HERBERT CAHN as secretary and treasurer and the officers are the directors. The company was incorporated in New York on November 1, 1937 and has a net worth of \$54,535. The controlling interest had been held by the late FRANCISCO PETRONOVIC, who died May 19, 1951, dividing the capital stock equally between his widow, CONSTANCE, and his son, JOHN.

On April 30, 1952, the stock interest was purchased by FRED BAUM, formerly executive vice-president and manager, and HERBERT CAHN, the present officers. BAUM holds 51 per cent and CAHN the remaining 49 per cent of the business, whose principal exports consist primarily of shoe leather, artificial leather, and shoe supplies. Their territory is composed of Central and South America, the

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Far East, and the Philippines. The company has three employees and commissioned agents abroad and maintains a bank account at the Marine Midland Trust Company in New York City.

T-1 advised that BAUM is married and was born in Yugoslavia in 1919, arriving in the United States in 1945. From 1945 through 1949, he was employed by the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, New York City. In February, 1949, he was elected treasurer of Atlas Corporation. In July, 1951, he was elected executive vice-president and manager. However, he did not own any capital stock until his purchase on April 30, 1952.

HERBERT CAHN is 40 years of age, married, and born in Germany. While in Europe, he was employed in the leather business in France. He came to the United States in 1947 and was employed by Morris Feldstein and Sons, New York City, until 1951, at which time he was employed by Atlas, acquiring a stock interest and being elected to his present office on April 30, 1952.

The files of the New York office contain no information believed pertinent concerning the Atlas Corporation, HERBERT CAHN, FRED BAUM, or FRANCISCO PETROVIC.

T-2, of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to furnish information concerning employees of the Atlas Trading Corporation, advised on December 7, 1954 that no one by the name of GEORGE KOVAL was currently working, or had ever worked, at Atlas Trading Corporation to the informant's knowledge. T-2 advised they had no European representatives in the last six years and none by the name of KOVAL, that the informant was acquainted with.

Mr. D.D. VAN VLIET, manager, Sheridan Whitehall Corporation, Room 434, 17 Battery Place, advised on December 10, 1954, that the Atlas Trading Corporation obtained a lease for space on upper floors of that building on May 1, 1940, which they held up until 1948. During that year they began to reduce their occupancy of that building, and while still tenants, now occupy only two rooms. Mr. VAN VLIET advised that the company had been operated by a gentleman with the last name of PETROVIC, who had extensive holdings in South America and PETER D. M. RECHESINI who appeared to be a senior officer in the firm. During 1950,

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MARCHESINI and PERRODOVO discontinued their association, at which time, MARCHESINI forced the Petrus Agency, obtaining space on the second floor of that building and departing from the premises in May, 1944. Mr. PERRODOVO died sometime thereafter, and on or before May, 1944, FRANK BAUER purchased the PERRODOVO interest and continued now to hold a lease under the Atlas Trading Corporation name, valid until May 31, 1954. Mr. VAN VLIET advised he was not familiar with the name ORANDE ROVAL and had no knowledge of an employee by that name ever working with the Atlas or Petrus companies. He did recall that in 1947, the general manager for Atlas was Mr. ROLFO RINCONA, who was highly respected in business circles, but who had a son, RAUL R. RINCONA, who was also affiliated with Atlas for a short time. Mr. VAN VLIET advised that RAUL RINCONA owned a business on his own and occupied some space in that building from October, 1946, to April, 1948, at which time he departed. RAUL RINCONA was not regarded with the same high esteem as his father and there was some talk in business circles that he was travelling in rather fast company. Mr. VAN VLIET advised that most of the latter information was hearsay and that he had not known RAUL RINCONA in his own right.

F. R. RINGONEZ

Fel. in reports dated September 10, 1951 and March 31, 1951, advised that he knew of a commercial firm by the name of F. R. Ringonez, Jr., engaged in business as exporters of general merchandise with offices at 37-43 Wall Street, New York City. The business was chartered in New York on July 10, 1917, and under the present management since 1944. The officers are JIM TIGHE, Jr., president, and Miss MATILDA DIAZ, secretary, and the directors are the same including A. V. FOLMERTHO.

ARI TIGHE DIAZ was born in Puerto Rico and is reported to hold all the capital stock of the business. The concern confines its activities mainly to exporting general merchandise to Venezuela on a lesser extent to Puerto Rico. The informant had no information as to how the concern obtained its name, nor of any individual by that name or by the name of ORANDE ROVAL being affiliated with the business.

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HERBERT J. SANDBERG

The current New York City Telephone Directory contains a single listing for HERBERT J. SANDBERG giving his residence as 451 East 14th Street, New York City, Telephone number OR 7-4720.

T-3, of known reliability, advised on December 10, 1954, that HERBERT J. SANDBERG, tenant of the apartment building located at 451 East 14th Street, moved into that building in September, 1951, having previously resided at 133 West 69th Street, for an unknown period and also at apartment 20, 10 Bethune Street, New York City, for approximately one year. He was born in June, 1923, and is a veteran of the armed forces, serving in the United States Army from February, 1943 to April, 1946. As of 1952, he was employed with the Norden Laboratories, Westmoreland Avenue, White Plains, New York, earning \$5,800 a year. He commenced this employment in 1950, and in June, 1953, the United States Air Force made inquiry concerning his background, inasmuch as he was being considered for a position of trust. Informant advised that SANDBERG had married Miss LEDA E. MAINARDI, 26 years of age, from 12 Hamilton Place, Oakland, California, sometime during 1949 or 1950. The informant stated Mrs. SANDBERG indicated she had been in Italy at one time under Fascist rule and spoke with a heavy foreign accent, leading to the impression that she may have spent her earlier life as a citizen of Italy.

T-4, of known reliability, advised on December 15, 1954, that they had no removal address for HERBERT J. SANDBERG at 254 West 98th Street, New York City.

Mr. MAX DAVIDSOHN, president and manager of the Robert Burns Hotel, 254 West 98th Street, New York City, advised on December 16, 1954, that he took over the property in April, 1953, and there were approximately two prior owners who held the property between 1948 and the period he took possession. He advised his records made no mention of any one by the name of HERBERT J. SANDBERG and stated that the owner from whom he obtained the property was Mr. EDWARD A. HOROWITZ, 860 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

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Mrs. FRISMA HOROWITZ, 560 Lexington Avenue, New York City, advised on December 16, 1954 that HERBERT J. SANDBERG had been a tenant of hers for five or six years at 254 West 98th Street, New York City. At that time he was 23 to 24 years of age, single and employed as an instructor at Columbia University or the College of the City of New York (CCNY). He occupied a basement apartment in violation of the city code and for that reason he was forced to leave her premises. During part of the time he lived at that address he shared the apartment with one MIKE HARRIS. He was a veteran of the military service and married a girl by the first name of LENA in 1949 or 1950.

Mrs. HOROWITZ advised that another government agency had made inquiry about SANDBERG a few years earlier and stated he was a fine man, whose loyalty to the United States was above question. She had known his father, who had lived in Boston and stated that SANDBERG had a grandmother living on Park Avenue and an adopted brother living somewhere on Long Island. She stated the family enjoyed a fine reputation as respectable citizens.

Mr. HERBERT J. SANDBERG, 10 Bethune Street, New York City, wrote the New York Office on August 22, 1951, stating he was employed on confidential work at the Gordon Laboratories Corporation, White Plains, New York, and wanted to report a casual vacation contact with the daughter of the Economic Editor of Tass and also to inquire whether a former fellow teacher with whom he was friendly was a Communist. He indicated he wished to discontinue the latter association if there was any doubt as to the individual's loyalty. He noted that prior to his employment at Gordon Laboratories he had taught at CCNY for approximately five years.

MICHAEL SANDERSON

Miss MADELINE SCULLY, Records Division, Registrar's Office, Columbia University, New York City, advised SA ROBERT E. HALL on November 3, 1954 that GEORGE KOVAL, born December 25, 1913, Sioux City, Iowa, residing 3470 Cannon Place, New York City, had attended Columbia from February to June 1941, taking one course in Chemistry. He received a Grade B for the course with a stipulation that

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no academic credit was to be allowed. His record disclosed he had previously attended Central High School in Sioux City, Iowa, from 1927 until 1929, from which he received a diploma. He also attended the University of Iowa in Iowa City, from 1939 to 1941, obtaining no degree being forced to drop out because of financial difficulties. He indicated he was employed as a salesman with the Havard Electric Company, 1911 Broadway, New York City, and listed a friend, Mr. A. SILVER, 3470 CannerPlace, New York City. The record disclosed he was of the white race and listed his religious preference as Jewish.

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T-2 Pretext call to WH 3-1540 listed for Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place NYC	Negative	12/7/54	SA HARRY E. HINDERLITTE	Instant Report
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T-3 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Street, NYC	Background, HERBERT J. SANDBERG	12/10/54	SA HARRY E. HINDERLITTE	Instant Report
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T-4 [REDACTED] NYC	Negative	12/14/54	SA HARRY E. HINDERLITTE	Instant Report
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At Omaha, Nebraska

Will report results of investigation outstanding in that office.

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At New York, New York

Will display photos of JACOB [redacted] b7D
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Frank, New York, for possible local action.

Will, if Bureau authority is granted, contact Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York City, and H. ROY J. [redacted] 12, 451 West 12th Street, for all available information concerning subject.

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Report of J. HENRY L. [redacted] DIRECT, 10/20/44,
New York.

Director, FBI (65-62911)

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Enclosed herewith are six copies of report of
SA HARRY E. HINDERLITER, JR., 12/18/54, New York.

On the basis of information set out in enclosed report, Bureau authority is requested to contact Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, NYC, and HERBERT J. SANDBERG, for all information in their possession concerning subject. It is noted that much of the information contained in the files of the NYO concerning Atlas Trading Corporation was not set out in enclosed report due to the subsequent complete reorganization and change of ownership of company and on that basis there appears to be no reason why the present owners would not cooperate.

Inquiry among agents handling Yugoslav matters in the NYO suggested in Bulet, 11/19/54, failed to indicate any current or past informants familiar with the personnel or activities of the Atlas Trading Corporation.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT OMAHA	DATE WHEN MADE 12/23/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/2, 15, 16, 17/54	REPORT MADE BY JOHN J. KELLY <i>med</i>
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records State Uni., of Ia., Iowa City, Ia., reflect GEORGE KOVAL was born 12/25/13 at Sioux City, Ia. Subject attended the Uni., of Ia., College of Engineering from 9/29 to 6/32. Former professors at Uni. of Ia., do not recall subject. Confidential Informant advised he was not acquainted with subject. No credit or criminal record for the subject at Iowa City, Iowa.

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DETAILS: AT IOWA CITY, IOWA:**BIRTH DATA:**

Records at the Registrar's Office, University of Iowa, reflect GEORGE KOVAL was born December 25, 1913, at Sioux City, Iowa. His father was listed as ABE KOVAL.

EDUCATION:

OCTAVIA PRATT, Registrar's Office, University of Iowa, exhibited the scholastic records of GEORGE KOVAL. Records reflect KOVAL entered the University of Iowa September 19, 1929, and attended the University of Iowa in the College of Engineering until June of 1932. KOVAL listed previous education as Central High School, Sioux City, Iowa, graduating June 13, 1929.

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MARY SHEEDY, Secretary to the Dean, College of Engineers, University of Iowa, advised she was at the University of Iowa in 1929-1932 but she did not recall the subject. A picture of KOVAL was exhibited to Mrs. SHEEDY who after viewing same stated she could not recall him.

Dean FRANCIS DAWSON, College of Engineering, University of Iowa, viewed the photograph of KOVAL and advised he could not recall the subject.

Professor EDWIN B. KURTZ viewed a photograph of KOVAL and stated he could not recall him as being a student.

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The records of the University of Iowa further reflected GEORGE KOVAL listed as persons who would always know his address the following:

H. GURSHTEL, 928 4th. Street, Sioux City, Iowa;
P. KOVAL, 2028 Jones Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

The subject listed his address in the scholastic records at the University of Iowa, as 619 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Subject, while attending the University of Iowa, resided at the Quadrangle, Male Dormitory, on the University of Iowa campus.

ELIZABETH ENGLERT, Director of the Quadrangle, advised no records are maintained at the Quadrangle prior to 1945. She advised she was not associated with the Quadrangle during the period that KOVAL resided there and no one presently at the Quadrangle was there during 1929-1932.

MARY SHEEDY, Secretary to Dean DAWSON of the College of Engineering, University of Iowa, checked the class records for the years 1929-1932 and listed the following persons who might be acquainted with KOVAL, inasmuch as they attended classes with him at the University of Iowa:

ADAM ROTH, Muscatine, Iowa;
RICHARD MILLER, Iowa Illinois Gas and Electric Company, Davenport, Iowa;
JACK SAYRE, Manager of the Iowa Power and Light Company, Des Moines, Iowa;
HERMAN FRANCIS MURPHY, Equitable Life Assurance Company, New York City, New York.

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A picture of GEORGE KOVAL taken September 19, 1929, was obtained from the records of the Registrar's Office, University of Iowa.

Confidential Informant, Omaha T-1, of known reliability, and a former member of the Communist Party, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, advised he was not acquainted with KOVAL and has not heard his name mentioned in connection with any Communist Party activity or membership in the Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, Iowa area.

Confidential Informant, Omaha T-2, of known reliability, advised he was not acquainted with KOVAL, and has not heard his name mentioned in connection with Communist Party activity or membership.

The Communist Party, USA, is an organization that has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

JOHN WIESSE, Manager of the Iowa City Credit Bureau, advised he had examined the records of his office and no record was found for the subject.

Records of the Sheriff's Office and Police Department at Iowa City, Iowa, were examined and no record was found for GEORGE KOVAL.

The records of the Registrar's Office, University of Iowa, reflect no nicknames or aliases for GEORGE KOVAL.

ENCLOSURE: TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE:

Two (2) photographs of the subject, GEORGE KOVAL.

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Will locate and interview RICHARD MILLER, Iowa Illinois Gas and Electric Company, Davenport, Iowa, for any information he may have regarding KOVAL. It is to be noted MILLER was at the University of Iowa during the period KOVAL also attended. Efforts should be made to ascertain former residences, employments, friends, relatives, and their present location if possible. Will make inquiry regarding the brothers of KOVAL, ISIAH and GABRIEL KOVAL, and their residences. Will determine if MILLER is aware of any other name or nicknames used by KOVAL.

Will contact Confidential Informants regarding GEORGE KOVAL.

AT DES MOINES, IOWA:

Will locate and interview JACK SAYRE, Iowa Power and Light Company at Des Moines, Iowa. Interview should be along the lines requested of interview at Davenport.

AT MUSCATINE, IOWA:

Will locate and interview ADAM ROTH, business and address unknown. Interview should be handled as requested in Davenport, Iowa interview.

AT SIOUX CITY, IOWA:

Will check the records of Central High School in an effort to determine additional background data regarding GEORGE KOVAL and members of his family, and their present whereabouts.

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Will locate and interview IRENE MUNCH, who was Registrar at Central High School, Sioux City, Iowa, when KOVAL attended.

Will examine the employment records of the Square Deal Company, 928 4th. Street, for additional background information regarding GEORGE KOVAL and members of his family. GEORGE KOVAL was employed by the Square Deal Company from 1933-1936.

Will conduct investigations in vicinity of 619 Virginia Street, in an effort to obtain information regarding KOVAL, members of his family and the present location of his brothers, ISIAH and GABRIEL KOVAL. Will determine other members of KOVAL's family, and attempt to ascertain if any other name other than KOVAL was used by GEORGE KOVAL or members of his family.

Will examine death records, naturalization records of parents of GEORGE KOVAL. It is noted in referenced report that parents of KOVAL were reported as being naturalized at Sioux City, Iowa, in 1917, and having died in 1933.

Will determine the identity of H. GURSHTEL (phonetic) 928 4th. Street, Sioux City, and if feasible will interview him regarding KOVAL and members of his family.

Will determine the identity of P. KOVAL, 2028 Jones Street, Sioux City, Iowa, If not a relative will consider interview for purposes of obtaining background data on KOVAL and his family.

Will exhibit a photograph of GEORGE KOVAL to persons interviewed.

Will attempt to determine through investigations at Sioux City, if GEORGE KOVAL is related to JOHN S. KOVAL, MIKE KOVAL or STANLEY KOVAL, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who have been reported as receiving the daily issues of the "Russky Golos", official organ of the Russian Section of the International Workers Order.

NEW YORK OFFICE:

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK:

Will locate and interview THOMAS FRANCIS MURPHY, employed by Equitable Life Assurance Society.

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REFERENCES

Report of SA HARRY E. HINDERLITER, JR., dated 10/28/54
at New York.

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TO : SAC, New York (65-16756)

DATE: January 13, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI (65-62911)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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Re NY memo 12-31-54 and attached report of
SA Harry E. Hinderliter, Jr., dated 12-31-54.

1. Concerning your request for Bureau authority to contact the Atlas Trading Corporation by which George Koval was reported to have been employed at the time of his departure from the U.S. in 1948, the Bureau is unaware of any regulation or policy necessitating such authority. The results of a review of Bureau file information concerning the Atlas Trading Corporation were forwarded to the New York office by memorandum of 11-19-54. In the event New York files contain no information indicating the inadvisability of such a contact, it would seem a most logical lead, meriting prompt attention. This is particularly true in view of your statement that there appears to be no reason why the current owners would not cooperate.

2. The New York office has also seen fit to seek Bureau authority before interviewing Herbert J. Sandberg who was listed as a witness in Koval's application for a U. S. passport. Again there appears to be no regulation or policy prohibiting the agent handling this matter in the New York office from exercising his initiative in the event information resulting from a review of office files and his preliminary investigation indicates no reason to the contrary.

In this connection your attention is directed to Section (Z) of SAC Letter 54-36.

3. In your memorandum of reference you indicate that information in New York files concerning the Atlas Trading Corporation prior to its complete reorganization was not set out in the enclosed report. Inasmuch as according to the enclosed report the Atlas Corporation was reorganized in 1952 whereas Koval was reportedly

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employed by that concern in 1948, this would appear to be a complete misconception as to the pertinence of information to be set forth in an investigative report.

The current character of the Atlas Corporation and its operating personnel is exceedingly important to an administrative determination as to the advisability of making direct inquiry of them. However, the information that should properly be set forth in an investigative report concerning George Koval would be such pertinent portions as might characterize the company at such times as he may have served as an employee.

- ✓ 4. The word "physicist" in line 4 of the synopsis is misspelled.
- ✓ 5. Paragraph 5 on page 3 has little significance unless the informant is further identified as an employee of the Atlas Trading Corporation.
- ✓ 6. The accuracy of a statement appearing in the last paragraph on page 3 to the effect that "the company had been operated by --- Peter D. Marchessini who appears to be a senior officer in the firm," appears somewhat questionable especially in view of the later statement that he discontinued his association.
- ✓ 7. It is difficult, on the basis of information developed to date, to understand the pertinency to this investigation of information concerning Ralph A. Rincones even though reportedly "travelling in fast company."
- ✓ 8. The word "at" in line 3 of the second paragraph, page 5, is misspelled. It would appear to be better form to use the words "in" or "during" rather than "on" as used in line 4 of that same paragraph. If living, a person "is a veteran -- having served --" not "was a veteran" as set forth in paragraph 2 of page 5.
- ✓ 9. The fact that "the Sandbergs had a 1951 Plymouth, bearing a 1952 New York license plate number GE 7718" is of questionable materiality in this investigation.
- ✓ 10. The last paragraph on page 5 is most confusing, indicating either an error in reporting or a complete

misconception of fact leading to a misdirected and fruitless inquiry. On the basis of information set forth in this investigation it does not appear that George Koval ever lived at 254 West 98th Street or even contemplated residence at that address whereas the following paragraph of the report indicates that such was a former address of Herbert J. Sandberg.

You are requested to submit amendments to this report in accordance with the above comments.

This investigation is of considerable importance and there are substantial leads which should be a challenge to interest and initiative.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (65-16756)

DATE: January 26, 1955

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FROM : Director, FBI (65-62911)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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Rereport SA Harry E. Hinderliter, Jr. dated 12-31-54
at New York.

Bureau files contain no information identifiable
with Herbert J. Sandberg other than that which is already
available in the New York office.

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ReBulet to NY, 1/13/55, and rerep of SA H.E. HINDERLITER,
JR., dated 12/31/54, NY.

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copies each of the foregoing in accordance with reBulet.

The Bureau and Omaha are requested to substitute
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Substitutions have been made at NY.

No administrative action is being recommended.

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65-16756-152

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA	DATE WHEN MADE 3/23/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/23, 27/54; 2/14-16; 3/7-11, 14-17/55	REPORT MADE BY HAYNE A. THOMPSON	DR
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No birth record for subject located Sioux City, Ia.
Other records show subject born 12/25/13, 12/25/14
and 9/25/14. Subject attended Central High School, Sioux City, Ia.
1/4/27 to 6/3/29. Subject arrested SO, Sioux City, Ia., 9/3/31
for leading raid on office of Overseer of the Poor, Sioux City.
Released next day. Subject and family resided 619 Virginia St.,
Sioux City, Ia. until 1932, when entire family reported to have
gone back to Russia. Records USDC, Sioux City, Ia. reflect ABRAM
KOVAL, father of subject, applied for passport 5/13/32. Sub-
ject's parents both born in Russia. Subject, his father, ABRAM
KOVAL, and uncle, HARRY GURSHTEL, in the 1920-1930 period advocated
return of Russians to the Biro-Bidjan Region in Russia. No employ-
ment known Sioux City, Ia. No record or information KOVAL family
ever in Sioux City, Ia. after 1932.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Birth Data

On March 7, 1955, Mrs. VIRGINIA KELLER, Deputy Clerk, Office of
the Clerk of the District Court, Woodbury County, Sioux City, Iowa,
checked the birth records covering the years 1908 through 1921
for the record of anyone named KOVAL, KOWAL or KAVAL. No record
of the birth of subject GEORGE KOVAL was located.

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Mrs. KELLER located in Book F, page 138 of births, the record of the birth of LOUIS KAVAL, born January 22, 1912, Sioux City, Iowa. His father was listed as ABE KAVAL, 1214-10th Street, race white, age 30, place of birth RUSSIA, occupation carpenter. His mother was listed as ETHEL SHENISKE, race white, age 28, place of birth Russia. Mrs. KELLER noted that this was a handwritten record and that frequently it is difficult to state with definite certainty whether a letter is an "O" or an "A", however, this name appears to be KAVAL.

Mrs. KELLER produced Petition for Naturalization No. 853, dated May 8, 1915, which is a petition for ABRAM BERKO KOVAL, 103 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa. On this Petition for Naturalization are listed the wife and children of ABRAM BERKO KOVAL, among which is the son, GEORGE KOVAL, date of birth listed as December 25 1914 at Sioux City, Iowa.

Mrs. ROSE QUINLAN, Secretary, Central High School, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 7, 1955 produced the record for GEORGE KOVAL, which indicated he had been born December 25, 1914, place of birth not listed

On March 7, 1955, Mrs. MARCELLA ANDERSON, Clerk, Registrar's Office, Sioux City Board of Education, Sioux City, Iowa, produced a Master Card for GEORGE KOVAL, which indicated he was born December 25, 1913 at Sioux City, Iowa.

On March 9, 1955, Mr. ALTON OAKES, Assistant Juvenile Officer, Woodbury County, Probation Office, Sioux City, Iowa, produced their record on the KOVAL family, which disclosed the birth of GEORGE KOVAL as September 25, 1914.

Citizenship

On March 7, 1955, Mrs. VIRGINIA KELLER, mentioned above, produced a Declaration of Intention for the naturalization of ABRAM KOVAL. The Declaration of Intention is dated January 24, 1913, filed in the Woodbury County District Court. The information contained thereon reflects ABRAHAM KOVAL, born in Russia, had entered the United States on April 28, 1910. Inasmuch as the naturalization papers indicate the subject's father entered this country in 1910, and inasmuch as the above school records and naturalization records indicate the subject's birth in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1913 or 1914, the subject is an American citizen.

Education

Mrs. ROSE QUINLAN, mentioned above, on March 7, 1955 produced the record for GEORGE KOVAL at Central High School. This record discloses the subject entered Central High School on January 4, 1927 and was graduated on June 13, 1929. He ranked 22nd in a class of 215 graduates. His average grades were 92.71 per cent. He had been given two intelligence quotient tests, the first one rated at 113 and the second at 131. According to the school record, he had received his junior high school work at Woodrow Wilson Junior High School in Sioux City. Mrs. QUINLAN stated the subject's credits had been transferred to the City College of New York on August 5, 1946.

Identification Record

Mr. PAUL LEWIS, President of the Lewis System, a private investigative agency with excellent records, 701 Nebraska Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 9, 1955 checked their records and located a newspaper clipping on subject GEORGE KOVAL. This newspaper clipping, from the Sioux City Journal and Tribune dated September 4, 1931, is quoted verbatim below:

"A Sioux City law student, George Koval, 619 Virginia Street, was booked for investigation, at the county jail Friday, suspected of inciting a 'raid' on the office of Charles Lebeck, county overseer of the poor.

"Backed by 50 men who twice stormed the overseer's office late Thursday afternoon, Koval told Sheriff Davenport he would 'consider' withdrawing his forces from the office, after the sheriff had told him to stay away.

"Koval identified himself as 'legal counsel' for the Unemployed Council, a communist group with headquarters at 510 Fifth Street.

"The group entered Overseer Lebeck's office and demanded room and lodging for two middle-aged women who, Koval said, had been ousted from a local hotel and had no place to go.

"Lebeck said he would take care of the two destitute women but saw no reason why the men should be there to enforce the demands. He then invited the group to leave his office, assuring them he would provide quarters for the women. Koval said they would return.

"When they departed, the overseer called the hotel, he said, and found the women had not been turned out. About an hour later the group returned and Overseer Lebeck called Sheriff Davenport.

"Aside from the demands of the two women, no requests were made for food or lodging the overseer reported. He said Koval and his followers were simply trying to 'make trouble'.

"Koval has been studying law in a Middle West university. He formerly attended Central High School."

Attached to this same card on the subject was a second newspaper clipping; taken from the Sioux City Journal and Tribune of September 6, 1931, which is quoted verbatim below:

"FREED YOUTH TELLS STORY

Asserts He Threatened No One in Office of Poor Overseer

"Another side of the story about the delegation of persons who went to the office of Charles Lebeck, county overseer of the poor Thursday afternoon to seek aid for two destitute women, was related by George Koval, 19 years old, upon his release from the county jail.

"Koval was arrested by Sheriff John Davenport Thursday afternoon and accused of threatening violence in the office of the overseer. He was released Friday evening. Koval's account of the incident follows:

"The committee of 50 filed into Lebeck's Office and demanded immediate aid for two destitute women whom Lebeck had refused to help on Tuesday, sending them to the police station for temporary relief only, when they needed support until they could get work.

"It was not until confronted by a mass delegation from the unemployed council that Mr. Lebeck gave any promises of help. He did not ask for time to investigate these women.

DENIES THREATS

"Mr. Lebeck insisted that Mrs. Fairman was not a resident of Woodbury County and did not consent to look further into the

matter although later investigation by the committee gave every indication that Mrs. Fairman was a citizen of this county.

"When Lebeck said that it would take some time for him to make arrangements for caring for the women, as spokesman, I asked if there would be any objection to waiting and the overseer did not refuse that request. However, at the further suggestion by the committee that they leave and later return he readily assured them that this would be all right. No one 'became abusive' or uttered 'threats of violence' on leaving or at any other time during the interview.

"Upon its return, the committee was met by Sheriff Davenport and several deputies who drove the crowd from the courthouse and escorted me to Davenport's office, where the sheriff offered to let me go if I would promise to stay away from the courthouse, which I refused to do. I was then locked up and the next morning was taken downstairs and Davenport again offered to release me if I would promise to get out of the unemployed council. I again refused."

Deputy Sheriff JOHN ZECHMAN, Identification Office, Woodbury County Sheriff's Office, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 9, 1955 produced the arrest card for subject GEORGE KOVAL. This indicated the subject's address as 617 Virginia Street, sex male, race white, age 17 (in 1931), height 6', weight 175 pounds; brown hair, brown eyes, medium complexion, marital status single, occupation unemployed, nativity Sioux City, Iowa, criminal charge investigation, date of arrest September 3, 1931, committed by Sheriff DAVENPORT, released September 4, 1931. An examination of this card disclosed no additional information. Deputy Sheriff ZECHMAN stated KOVAL was not fingerprinted at that time and former Sheriff DAVENPORT has since died.

Office Deputy FRANK T. FITZGIBBON, Woodbury County Sheriff's Office, advised he was in the Sheriff's Office in 1931, however, he could not recall the subject or any of the facts incident to his arrest.

On March 14, 1955, Mrs. VIRGINIA LANCIE, Clerk, Record Room, Sioux City, Iowa, Police Department, advised they had no record of anyone named KOVAL in their card index system, which was started in 1940.

Detective Sergeant MARVIN S. LAMBERT, Sioux City, Iowa, Police Department, on March 9, 1955 advised he had been on the police force in 1931 and recalled some trouble at the Overseer of the Poor's Office, however, he did not know the subject or recall any of the details in connection with the subject's arrest. He stated he believed the entire matter had been handled by the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. L. R. CORNWELL, Director, Department of Social Welfare, Woodbury County, Sioux City, Iowa, advised on March 9, 1955 that Mr. CHARLES LEBECK, former Overseer of the Poor, had died in July, 1954. Mr. CORNWELL stated they have no record in their files of GEORGE KOVAL or anyone named KOVAL.

Employment

Records of the Manhattan Engineering District, Security File, disclosed that from 1933 to 1936 the subject listed employment at the Square Deal Company, 928-4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

Mr. MAX DERVIN, 3532 Virginia Street, proprietor of the Badgerow Building Barber Shop, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 10, 1955 advised GEORGE KOVAL was a nephew of HARRY GURSHTEL, former proprietor of the Square Deal Clothing Company, located at 928-4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Mr. DERVIN advised he was acquainted with the subject and other members of the KOVAL family and he did not know of the subject ever working at the Square Deal Clothing Company and was positive the subject did not work there during the period 1933-1936.

Mr. BEN KAPLAN, proprietor, Boston Cleaners, 924-4th Street, home address 821-14th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 10, 1955 advised he is acquainted with the KOVAL family, however, he could not specifically identify the subject GEORGE KOVAL from among the other KOVAL children. Mr. KAPLAN stated the Square Deal Clothing Company is located two doors from the Boston Cleaners and until about 1948 had been operated by HARRY GURSHTEL, an uncle of subject KOVAL. Mr. KAPLAN stated he could not recall the subject ever working at the Square Deal Clothing Company and he definitely knew the subject could not have been employed at this store during the 1933-1936 period.

Mr. MORRIS LEFKO, 3335 Jennings Street, proprietor of Western Paper and Supply Company, 6th and Wall, Sioux City, Iowa, on

March 8, 1955 advised subject KOVAL was a nephew of HARRY GURSHTEL, who formerly operated the Square Deal Clothing Company, 928-4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Mr. LEFKO informed he had never known subject KOVAL to work at the Square Deal Clothing Store and while it was possible he could have done so while attending high school, he definitely knew the subject was not employed there during the 1933-1936 period.

Confidential Informant Omaha T-1, of known reliability, on March 8 and March 10, 1955, advised he is acquainted with the KOVAL family and knew the subject to be a nephew of HARRY GURSHTEL, who formerly operated the Square Deal Clothing Company, 928-4th Street, Sioux City. T-1 stated the subject could have worked part-time at this store while attending high school, however, he knew definitely the subject was not employed at the Square Deal Clothing Company during the period 1933-1936.

On June 18, 1948, Confidential Informant Omaha T-1, of known reliability, advised that HARRY GURSHTEL had strong tendencies toward Communism.

On March 8, 1951, T-1 was again contacted and stated he felt GURSHTEL had been a Communist, particularly due to his interest in Icor, as in his opinion, anyone interested in returning to Russia as advocated by Icor must be a Communist.

In February, 1941, Confidential Informant Omaha T-2, of known reliability, advised HARRY GURSHTEL, 928-4th Street, proprietor of Harry's Square Deal Clothing Store at that address, was a Communist.

On June 21, 1940, Mr. SAM LEVICH, 917-14th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, informed SA J. A. THOMPSON that the individual who operated a clothing establishment at 928-4th Street was disseminating Communist literature. The 1940 Sioux City City Directory listed HARRY GURSHTEL as the proprietor of the clothing store at 928-4th Street.

On December 16, 1940, Mr. EDDIE FOX, formerly of the Sioux City Sewer Department, advised SA HAYNE A. THOMPSON that HARRY GURSHTEL, proprietor of Harry's Square Deal Clothing Company, 928-4th Street, was a Communist.

In November, 1941, Miss DOROTHY MERLIN, Secretary, Jewish Community Center, Sioux City, Iowa, informed SA HAYNE A. THOMPSON

that Icor was an organization which had allegedly been formed for the purpose of aiding and assisting Jewish colonization of the Biro-Bidjan Region of Russia, but had not been in active operation in Sioux City, Iowa for the past five years. She stated she did not have a complete list of the membership of Icor. Miss MERLIN stated several members of the Jewish Community Center had been strongly opposed to the Icor and had refused to permit the use of the Jewish Community Center as a meeting place for this group.

Miss MERLIN produced a letter from the Icor Committee to the Jewish Community Center, written in connection with the refusal to permit the Icor to meet at the Jewish Community Center. One of the three signers of this letter was HARRY GURSHTEL.

The report of the Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities report 1938, pages 228, 229 and 568 relative to Icor, read as follows:

"Icor, with headquarters in New York City 'has as its purpose the colonization and support of Biro-Bidjan', one of the Soviet Socialist Republics within Soviet Russia. It has Communist support and 'in turn supports the Communist Party'. It is listed in the Cash-Receipt record of the Communist Party of Boston for 1937."

Residences

An examination of the Sioux City, Iowa, City Directories from 1929 through 1955, indicates the listing of "ABR. KOVAL, 619 Virginia" in the 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932 Directories.

On March 9, 1955, Mrs. GERTRUDE HEITRITTER, Clerk, Woodbury County Auditor's Office, Sioux City, Iowa, advised that 619 Virginia Street is described in the official records as Lot 5, Block 48, Middle Sioux City Addition, and that, according to their records, A. KOVAL acquired this property on December 30, 1922 by warranty deed from GURI HELENE JORGENSEN, Et Al. This deed was filed on March 7, 1923. Mrs. HEITRITTER advised the records reflect that A. KOVAL and ETHEL KOVAL transferred this property to GOLDIE GURSHTEL by Warranty deed dated May 27, 1932, however, she pointed out this deed was not filed until September 29, 1936.

Mr. MOSE YANNEY, Deputy Recorder, Office of the Woodbury County Recorder, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 9, 1955 advised the warranty

deed giving A. KOVAL title to this property is filed in Deed Record Lots No. 167, page 467, and is Docket No. 4139.

Mr. YANNEY advised that by warranty deed of May 27, 1932, A. KOVAL and wife, ETHEL, transferred their ownership in this property to GOLDIE GURSHTEL for \$1.00 and other consideration, with the stipulation that GOLDIE GURSHTEL was to assume the mortgage of record on this property. This is recorded in Deed Record Lots No. 222, page 135, and is Docket No. 21424.

Mr. YANNEY pointed out that although this warranty deed is dated May 27, 1932, it was not filed until 3:00 P.M., September 29, 1936.

Mr. YANNEY stated that Docket No. 8097, recorded in Deed Record Lots No. 252, page 372, indicates GOLDIE GURSHTEL and husband, HARRY GURSHTEL, gave the warranty deed covering this property to IDA L. SEFF, which warranty deed is dated May 13, 1943. This warranty deed was filed in the Recorder's Office on May 13, 1943.

Mr. YANNEY, on March 10, 1955, produced records pertaining to the mortgage given by A. KOVAL, which is recorded in Mortgage Records Lots No. 367, page 419. This mortgage was made on September 19, 1931 by A. KOVAL and wife, ETHEL KOVAL, to J. W. GRAY, in the amount of \$3,000, six per cent interest to October 1, 1936. The mortgage was given to J. W. GRAY on Lot 5, Block 48, Middle Sioux City Addition. This mortgage was filed September 21, 1931.

Mr. YANNEY advised this mortgage was assigned by J. W. GRAY on September 21, 1931 to ALLISON MORE KIECKHEFER, as reflected in Book 391, page 133.

Mr. YANNEY advised that Book 421, page 430, records an agreement for extension of this mortgage between GOLDIE GURSHTEL and her husband, HARRY, to ALLISON MORE KIECKHEFER, dated September 28, 1936. In the agreement for extension is the statement that the GURSHTELS are the present owners of the mortgage property and there was still due on the note \$2,800. This was filed October 7, 1936.

Mr. YANNEY produced Book 403, page 39, which indicates that on September 5, 1939, ALLISON MORE KIECKHEFER sold this mortgage to SARAH BEGUN of Sioux City, Iowa, for \$2,050.

Mr. YANNEY produced Satisfaction Record Lots No. 463, and on page 246 thereof is recorded the satisfaction of the mortgage originally

given by A. KOVAL. This Satisfaction was filed May 13, 1943 at 4:00 P.M. and recites that SARAH BEGUN of Los Angeles, California, acknowledges that mortgage dated September 19, 1931, made and executed by A. KOVAL and ETHEL KOVAL to J. W. GRAY, assigned to ALLISON MORE KIECKHEFER, is redeemed, paid off, satisfied and discharged in full, dated this 10th day of May, 1943, signed SARAH BEGUN, Notary Public O. L. MONTGOMERY, Eureka, Los Angeles County, California.

It is to be noted from the above that the KOVAL family did not have title to this property subsequent to May 27, 1932. It is noted that the Security File of the Manhattan Engineering District discloses in 1936 the subject was residing at 619 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

Mrs. MARCELLA ANDERSON, Clerk, Registrar's Office, Sioux City Board of Education, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 7, 1955 advised their records indicated GEORGE KOVAL resided at 619½ Virginia Street from the time he entered Armstrong Grade School in September, 1918 until he graduated from high school on June 13, 1929. There were no other addresses shown on his card.

Mr. MAX DERVIN, mentioned above, on March 10, 1955 advised the KOVAL family had left Sioux City, Iowa, in about 1932 and none of the family had ever returned to Sioux City since that time.

Mr. BEN KAPLAN, mentioned above, on March 10, 1955 stated the KOVAL family had left Sioux City in 1932 or 1933 and none of the KOVAL family had ever returned to Sioux City, Iowa.

Mr. MARVIN J. KLASS, an attorney, 830 Francis Building, Sioux City, Iowa, residence 2411 Solway, Sioux City, on March 9, 1955 advised the KOVAL family had left Sioux City, Iowa in 1932 and 1933 and neither the subject, nor any other member of the KOVAL family, had ever returned to Sioux City, Iowa.

Miscellaneous

Relatives of GEORGE KOVAL

Mrs. VIRGINIA KELLER, mentioned above, on March 7, 1955 produced the naturalization records for ABRAM BERKO KOVAL, on file in the office of the Clerk of District Court, Woodbury County, Sioux City, Iowa. This is recorded in Book 5, page 153.

Declaration of Intention No. 844, dated January 24, 1913, Woodbury County District Court, indicates ABRAHAM KOVAL, age 30, a laborer, race white, height 5'9", weight 170 pounds, dark brown hair, gray eyes, medium complexion, born January 3, 1883 in Pinsk, Russia, was at the time of this Declaration residing at 1209-10th Street, Sioux City, Iowa. The record indicated he immigrated to the United

States of America from Bremen, Germany on the vessel Hanover. His last foreign address was Telichan, Russia. He denounced allegiance to Nicholas, II, Emperor of the Russians. He arrived at the port of Galveston, Texas, April 29, 1910. This Declaration was filed May 8, 1919 in Woodbury County, Iowa.

The Certificate of Arrival for Naturalization purposes pertaining to KOVAL bore Serial No. 1103 D-844, from the office of Inspector in Charge, Galveston, Texas, March 20, 1919. Name of the alien was listed as KOVAL, ABRAM BERKS, port of entry Galveston, Texas, date of arrival April 28, 1910, vessel Hanover, filed in Woodbury County District Court on May 8, 1919.

The Petition for Naturalization for KOVAL is No. 853 and was filed in Woodbury County District Court on May 8, 1919. The name of the petitioner was ABRAM BERKO KOVAL, address 1013 Virginia Street, occupation carpenter, born January 3, 1883; Pinsk, Russia, immigrated from Bremen, Germany April 10, 1910, arrival Galveston, Texas on April 28, 1910, vessel Hanover, Declaration of Intention January 24, 1913, Woodbury County, Sioux City, Iowa, marital status married, wife ETHEL, wife's birth date August 16, 1890; Telichany, Pinsk, Russia. Three children are listed in this petition, ISIAH KOVAL, born July 2, 1912 at 1013 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa; GEORGE KOVAL, born December 25, 1914 at 1013 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa; GABRIEL KOVAL, born January 25, 1919 at 1013 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa. In this petition ABRAM KOVAL stated he had resided in the United States since April 29, 1910 and had resided in Iowa since May 5, 1910. The signature on this petition is ABRAM BERKO KOVAL.

Under the section for affidavits of petitioner and witnesses are the two witnesses, ISIDOR MERLIN, occupation salesman, address 1001 Iowa Street, Sioux City, Iowa, and ABRAHAM STILLMAN, occupation jeweler, 718 Iowa Street, Sioux City, Iowa. Both affirmed they had known ABRAM KOVAL since February 1, 1912.

The Oath of Allegiance was signed September 18, 1919 and the signature under this oath is ABRAHAM KOVAL. The Order of Court admitting KOVAL to citizenship is dated September 8, 1919 and lists his name as ABRAM BERKO KOVAL. He was admitted to citizenship by District Court Judge JNO ANDERSON. Certificate of Naturalization No. 1247809 was issued September 4, 1919.

Mrs. VIRGINIA KELLER, mentioned above, on March 7, 1955 produced Birth Record Book F, page 138, which records the birth of one

LOUIS KAVAL in Sioux City, Iowa on January 22, 1912, the son of ABE KAVAL, 1214-10th Street, mother listed as ETHEL SHENISKE, both parents born in Russia.

On March 8, 1955, Mrs. VIRGINIA KELLER checked the death records of Woodbury County, Iowa for the period 1912-1915 and advised they had no death record for a LOUIS KAVAL or KOVAL. Mrs. KELLER also checked the death records for the period 1930-June, 1935 and did not find any record of anyone named KAVAL or KOVAL as having died in Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa.

On March 7, 1955, Mrs. MARCELLA ANDERSON, Clerk, Registrar's Office, Sioux City Board of Education, produced the permanent scholastic record of ISAAH KOVAL. He was listed as having been born July 22, 1912 in Sioux City, Iowa. His father was listed as ABRAHAM KOVAL, born Russia, occupation carpenter. Birth place of his mother was listed as Russia, however, her name was not listed. He entered the Armstrong Grade School in September, 1917, his address was listed as 619½ Virginia Street, which was the only address listed on this card, which continued until ISAAH KOVAL graduated from Central High School on January 24, 1930.

Mrs. ROSE QUINLAN, Secretary, Central High School, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 7, 1955 produced their card on ISAAH KOVAL, which listed his date of birth as July 22, 1913. He entered Central High School in January, 1927 and graduated on January 24, 1930.

Mrs. MARCELLA ANDERSON, mentioned above, on March 7, 1955 produced a permanent card retained by the Sioux City Board of Education on GABRIEL KOVAL. This card reflected GABRIEL KOVAL was born January 25, 1919 at Sioux City, Iowa. His father's name was not listed, however, the name ETHEL KOVAL was listed. Place of birth of parent was listed as Russia, occupation of parent carpenter, birth place of mother listed as Russia. According to this card, GABRIEL KOVAL entered Armstrong Grade School in January, 1924 as a kindergarten student. He entered Woodrow Wilson Junior High School in January, 1930 and, according to their records, he was in school until the semester ended in June, 1932; at which time he had completed the first half of the ninth grade. Mrs. ANDERSON stated there is nothing in their files reflecting GABRIEL KOVAL ever re-entered the Sioux City Public Schools, nor was there any notation that his credits or record had been transmitted to any other school. The address listed on the card of GABRIEL KOVAL was 619½ Virginia Street, and also 617½ Virginia Street.

Mr. E. E. BRIGGS, Principal, Woodrow Wilson Junior High School, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 7, 1955 produced their record on GABRIEL KOVAL and it was noted that the information contained on this record is identical to that contained on the permanent record card on file at the Sioux City Board of Education. Mr. BRIGGS stated there is nothing on this card indicating GABRIEL KOVAL ever returned to Woodrow Wilson Junior High School, nor that information as to his credits had been sent to any other school.

On March 8, 1955, Miss ELIZABETH ASBRY, Clerk, Registrar's Office, Sioux City Board of Education, advised she had made a thorough check for a record of LOUIS KOVAL or LOUIS KAVAL, and had been unable to locate any record for anyone by that name.

On March 10, 1955, Mr. MAX DERVIN, mentioned above, stated the KOVAL family had consisted of the father, ABE KOVAL, his wife and three boys. He stated he did not know of anyone named LOUIS KOVAL, nor did he know of the death of a KOVAL child, however, he stated that if a child had been born in 1912 and had died shortly thereafter, he would not have necessarily known it.

Mr. DERVIN advised ABRAM KOVAL, father of the subject, had three sisters formerly living in Sioux City, Iowa. One was GOLDIE GURSHTEL, wife of HARRY GURSHTEL, who formerly operated the Square Deal Clothing Store at 928-4th Street, Sioux City, now residing in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. DERVIN stated another sister of ABRAM KOVAL was Mrs. SARAH BEGUN, widow of MORRIS BEGUN, who now resides in Los Angeles, California.

He also stated the third sister of ABRAM KOVAL is Mrs. PEARL SILVER, widow of PAUL SILVER, who formerly operated a grocery store on West 7th Street in Sioux City, Iowa.

Mr. BEN KAPLAN, mentioned above, on March 10, 1955 advised the KOVAL family consisted of ABRAM KOVAL, his wife and two or three boys. He stated he could not recall the names of the KOVAL children, however, he did not know anyone names LOUIS KOVAL or KAVAL and he had not known of the death of any of the KOVAL children. However, he stated if a child of ABRAM KOVAL had died in its infancy in 1912 or thereabouts, he would not have known it. Mr. KAPLAN stated the subject's father had three sisters in Sioux City, Iowa, namely Mrs. GOLDIE GURSHTEL, wife of HARRY GURSHTEL, operator of the Square Deal Clothing Store, presently residing in Los Angeles;

Mrs. PEARL SILVER, widow of PAUL SILVER, who formerly operated a grocery store on West 7th Street, Sioux City, presently residing Los Angeles, California; Mrs. SARAH BEGUN, widow of MORRIS BEGUN, who is presently residing in Los Angeles.

On March 10, 1955, Mrs. VIRGINIA KELLER, mentioned above, produced the naturalization record for GERCHIN GURSHTEL, which is recorded in Volume 7 on page 11. An examination of the Declaration of Intention reflected same to bear No. 2086, dated Woodbury County District Court, March 11, 1919, filed Woodbury County District Court, April 27, 1921. This reflects the petition of GERCHIN GURSHTEL, age 33, occupation storekeeper, race white, complexion fair, height 5'9", weight 150 pounds, red hair, gray eyes, born May 1, 1885 at Telechany, Russia. Presence residence was listed as 1011 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa. GURSHTEL immigrated to the United States from Rotterdam, Holland on the vessel New Amsterdam. His last foreign residence was listed as Telechany, Russia, marital status married, wife's name GOLDIE, born Russia, present residence Sioux City, Iowa, date of arrival at Port of New York, September 25, 1910.

Certificate of Arrival for naturalization purposes, attached to the Declaration of Intention, issued by the U. S. Department of Labor, dated Ellis Island April 12, 1921, lists the name of alien as GERSHON GUSHTEL, Port of Entry New York, New York, date of arrival September 26, 1910, vessel Nieuw Amsterdam. This certificate was filed in the Woodbury County District Court on April 27, 1921.

The Petition for Naturalization was filed in Woodbury County District Court, Sioux City, Iowa, No. 1211, on April 27, 1921. Petitioner's name is listed as GERCHIN GURSHTEL, 928-4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, occupation storekeeper, born May 1, 1885 at Telechan, Russia, wife GOLDIE, born March 6, 1897, Telechan, Russia. No children are listed on the petition. GURSHTEL stated he was in America since September 26, 1910 and in Iowa since October 20, 1911.

The affidavit of petitioner and witnesses was dated April 27, 1921 and the witnesses were listed as W. H. SCOTT, Manager, Helping Hand Mission, 920-4th Street, and ISIDORE MERLIN, 1001 Iowa Street, both of whom stated they had known GURSHTEL since April 1, 1916.

The Oath of Allegiance was signed January 5, 1922, the signature thereon is HARRY GURSHTEL, underneath is the signature GERCHIN GURSHTEL. The Order of Court admitting petitioner to citizenship

is dated January 5, 1922 and permission was granted to change the name from GERCHIN GURSHTEL to HARRY GURSHTEL. A notation on the Petition under Memo of Continuances reflected that this matter was continued from September 7, 1921 to January, 1922, reason given "to get war record."

Certificate of Naturalization No. 1247898 was issued to GURSHTEL on February 10, 1922.

On March 14, 1955, Mrs. VIRGINIA KELLER, referred to above, produced Index Book 5, Marriages, page 146, which indicates an application made on January 27, 1922 for the marriage of Miss PEARL KOVAL to SAM GERTZ. Marriage Record No. 43, page 562, records the marriage of SAM GERTZ, age 30, 1418 Omaha, Sioux City, Iowa, to Miss PEARL KOVAL, 1100 Jennings, age 25, affidavit of witness signed by HARRY GURSHTEL, dated January 27, 1922. Miss KELLER advised the application for the license was made by HARRY GURSHTEL and this couple was married on January 29, 1922 by Rabbi J. KOPSTEIN. Miss KELLER advised a divorce was granted to Mrs. PEARL GERTZ on April 7, 1925, which is recorded on Book 104, page 167, and is Equity Case 50835. According to the petition, there was one minor child, [redacted] 2 years of age, born to this union, custody being given to Mrs. PEARL GERTZ. b6 b7C

Miss KELLER produced Index to Marriage No. 6, page 201, which indicates the application of Mrs. PEARL GERTZ and PAUL SILVER, filed February 13, 1930. Marriage record 57, page 428, reflects PAUL SILVER, age 35, of 1701 Ross Street, and Mrs. PEARL GERTZ, age 30, of 2028 Jones Street, had been married February 13, 1930 at Sioux City, Iowa. No clergyman was listed. Miss KELLER stated the affidavit as to acquaintanceship of the application for marriage certificate was signed by HARRY GURSHTEL, age 39. She further pointed out the application for marriage license was made by HARRY GURSHTEL. She also stated that in the place where the clergyman is to certify as to the marriage, the name HARRY GURSHTEL is also inserted. She stated it was common practice 25 years ago for Jewish Rabbis not to file marriage licenses, consequently, it appeared HARRY GURSHTEL had been permitted to fill out this information by the Clerk of the District Court. She advised that this Certificate of Marriage had not been filed until May 12, 1939.

An examination of the Register of Marriage Returns, Book M, page 254, furnished background information as to PEARL GERTZ. Her maiden name was listed as KOVAL, age 30 next birthday, race white,

second marriage, address 2028 Jones, place of birth, Telechan, Poland, father IZAAK KOVAL, mother GRACE WIEDEMANN. Information on this marriage return reflected PAUL SILVER's address to be 1701 Ross Street, age 35 next birthday, first marriage, occupation clerk, Davidson's Brothers Company, place of birth Liban, Latvia, father ABRAHAM SILVER, mother SARAH YODELSON.

On May 3, 1942, Mr. WILFORD S. TRIGGS, 1503 Rock, Sioux City, Iowa, advised SA HAYNE A. THOMPSON one SILVER, who operates a grocery store on West 7th Street in Sioux City, was either a Communist or a fellow traveller. Mr. TRIGGS is now deceased.

On June 18, 1948, Confidential Informant Omaha T-1 stated PAUL SILVER and HARRY GURSHTEL had married sisters, and that PAUL SILVER gave up his Jewish religion, as did GURSHTEL, and SILVER had the same strong tendencies towards Communism as GURSHTEL.

On November 20, 1951, JOHN W. ZECHMAN, Deputy Sheriff in charge of Identification Bureau, Woodbury County, Sioux City, Iowa, Sheriff's Office, advised SA LEO J. ROSS that PAUL SILVER, Sheriff's Office No. 2601, occupation clerk, age 40, born Latvia, residence 619 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa, was among a group of individuals arrested by the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office on September 27, 1933 for the offense of advocating criminal syndicalism. Mr. ZECHMAN advised he was in the Sheriff's Office and had taken part in a raid on a home located at 522 Wall Street, Sioux City, Iowa, at which time PAUL SILVER and others were holding a Communist Party meeting. He stated that a vast amount of Communist Party literature and pamphlets were seized on the occasion of this raid, however, they were subsequently destroyed and he was unable to describe the articles seized. Mr. ZECHMAN advised the charges against SILVER and the others arrested were dismissed on October 16, 1935.

On June 18, 1948, SA JOHN L. MULHALL checked the records of the Sioux City, Iowa, Credit Bureau relative to PAUL SILVER, which files reflected PAUL SILVER had died at the age of 44 in May, 1944, that he had operated a grocery store at 800 West 7th Street, Sioux City, and had lived at 613 2nd Street, Sioux City. He married Mrs. PEARL GERTZ in 1930. This couple had twin sons, [REDACTED]

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On June 18, 1948, Confidential Informant Omaha T-3, of known reliability, advised Mrs. PEARL SILVER was moving to California and

had already shipped her furniture, that one of her sons had already gone and she expected to leave Sioux City on June 25, 1948. Her new address was to be 1209 Orange Grove Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

The address of ABRAM KOVAL, father of subject KOVAL, is listed in the 1929 through 1932 City Directories as 619 Virginia Street. The address of subject KOVAL, as reflected in the records of the Sioux City Board of Education, furnished by Mrs. MARCELLA ANDERSON, on March 7, 1955, reflects the subject's address as 619½ Virginia Street.

The only other KOVAL listed in the City Directories from 1929-1954 was the listing of PEARL KOVAL in the 1930 Directory. Her residence address was 2028 Jones Street.

The address of HARRY GURSHTEL in the 1929 through 1933 City Directories was 2028 Jones Street. The listing for HARRY GURSHTEL from 1934-1940 was 619 Virginia Street, the former residence of subject KOVAL. The address for GURSHTEL in the 1941-1947 City Directories was listed as 2130 Kennedy Drive. There was no listing for GURSHTEL in the 1948-1954 Directories.

The Sioux City City Directory for the year 1930 lists PEARL KOVAL at 2028 Jones Street; the 1931-1933 Directories lists PAUL SILVER, wife PEARL, at 2028 Jones Street. The 1934 City Directory lists PAUL and PEARL SILVER residing at 619 Virginia Street. The 1937 Directory lists PEARL and PAUL SILVER at 617 Omaha, Sioux City. The 1945 Directory listed PEARL SILVER, widow, residing at 613 Center Street. The last directory containing a listing of PEARL SILVER was in 1948. There was no 1949 Directory published.

The 1932 City Directory carried a listing of MORRIS BEGUN, wife SARAH L., residence 1116-14th Street, occupation of MORRIS BEGUN listed as Begun-Maisel Clothing, 311-4th Street. The 1932 City Directory also listed ESTHER BEGUN, occupation student, and EDITH BEGUN, occupation student, residence 1116-14th Street.

The 1933 City Directory lists SARAH BEGUN, widow of MORRIS BEGUN, and also EDITH BEGUN, at 1116-14th Street. The 1934 City Directory listed SARAH BEGUN at 619½ Virginia Street, which in 1934 was listed as the residence of HARRY GURSHTEL. The 1938-1943 Directories listed SARAH BEGUN at 866-15th Street. This was the last listing of SARAH BEGUN in the Sioux City City Directories.

Acquaintances of subject

On March 7 and 8, 1955, Mr. MORRIS LEFKO, referred to above, advised he had attended Central High School with GEORGE KOVAL. He stated the subject's father had been a carpenter, who was in rather poor financial circumstances. The subject had an uncle, HARRY GURSHTEL, who operated the Square Deal Clothing Store. Mr. LEFKO stated the subject, his entire family and the HARRY GURSHTEL family did not mix with the Jewish people in this community inasmuch as they did not attend the synagogue and did not frequent Jewish social events. LEFKO stated the subject had finished high school, had gone to the University and in about 1932 or 1933 the subject and the entire KOVAL family had returned to Russia. Mr. LEFKO stated he definitely recalled while he and the subject were attending high school, subject KOVAL would frequently talk about Russia claiming that there was a Utopia in Russia as far as the Jews were concerned, that he and his family were eventually going back to Russia, that they would get a quantity of land given to them and they would start a new way of life. Mr. LEFKO stated KOVAL was very emphatic in his statements as to Russia, the advantages over the United States as far as the poor person was concerned, and felt that the subject was thoroughly imbued with a love for Russia. LEFKO stated he is positive the subject and the entire family went to Russia, as it was common talk among people in the KOVAL neighborhood. He was likewise positive that neither the subject, nor any member of his family, had ever returned to Sioux City, Iowa. Mr. LEFKO identified the photograph of the subject taken in 1948 as a very close resemblance to his recollection of the subject.

Confidential Informant Omaha T-1, on March 8 and 10, 1955, advised he recalled the KOVAL family resided in Sioux City, Iowa over twenty years ago. He stated ABRAM KOVAL, father of the subject, was the brother of GOLDIE GURSHTEL, whose husband formerly operated Square Deal Clothing Store in Sioux City. T-1 stated the KOVAL family did not mix with the Jewish community, they did not attend the synagogue, nor attend Jewish social functions. He stated the subject's father, ABRAM KOVAL, and subject's uncle, HARRY GURSHTEL, had strongly advocated return to Biro-Bidjan and, in his opinion, anyone who advocated the return to Biro-Bidjan in Russia was a Communist. T-1 stated the entire KOVAL family returned to Russia in about 1932 or 1933 and no one in this family had ever returned to Sioux City, Iowa, since that time.

Mr. MARVIN J. KLASS, mentioned above, on March 9, 1955 advised he had attended Central High School with subject KOVAL and know subject quite well, however, he had never known the subject's parents. Mr. KLASS stated, after finishing high school the subject had gone to the University of Iowa for the purpose of taking up engineering and he had told him the reason he was taking engineering was to prepare himself for a job in Russia. Mr. KLASS stated he has a definite recollection while attending high school the subject had praised Russia and what it was doing for the common man and how hard it was for the common man in the United States. Mr. KLASS stated he definitely recalled the subject telling him that he and his family were going back to Russia and to the best of his knowledge and belief; the subject and the entire KOVAL family left Sioux City, Iowa, in 1932 or 1933 and have never returned to Sioux City, Iowa, nor has he ever heard of this family ever returning to the United States.

Mr. KLASS, upon viewing the photograph of the subject, taken in 1948, stated it is a good likeness of his recollection of the subject.

On March 10, 1955, Mr. MAX DERVIN, mentioned above, stated he had been well acquainted with the subject and the entire KOVAL family. He advised the subject's father was a carpenter and the subject had two brothers, one older and one younger. DERVIN advised the subject had finished Central High School and gone to the University of Iowa to take engineering. He stated he did not recall the subject ever working in Sioux City, Iowa, and in about 1932 the subject and the entire family returned to Russia.

Mr. DERVIN advised the subject's father and subject's uncle, HARRY GURSHTEL, had been very active in a committee for the resettlement of the Jewish people in the Biro-Bidjan Region in Russia. He advised both the subject's father and the subject's uncle distributed pamphlets relative to Biro-Bidjan and did considerable talking relative to the benefits of the Biro-Bidjan area and the benefits of returning to Russia. Mr. DERVIN stated he had not approved of the Biro-Bidjan program, consequently, he had not encouraged either the subject's father or uncle in this matter, and therefore he did not have very much detail on this matter.

Mr. DERVIN stated that after the KOVAL family returned to Russia, in 1932, no one has ever seen the subject or any other member of this family in Sioux City, Iowa. He stated that in conversations with HARRY GURSHTEL he had learned that GURSHTEL had heard from the

KOVAL family and that they had advised GURSHTEL the boys had been sent to school by the government, and to the best of his knowledge and belief, it was an engineering school in Moscow.

Mr. DERVIN stated his recollection was that immediately after the KOVAL family had returned to Russia, GURSHTEL spoke quite highly of the KOVALs and their situation in Russia; however, as time went by he stopped talking about them. He stated GURSHTEL had never at any time made any mention about the subject or any member of the family returning to this country.

Mr. DERVIN stated the three sisters of the subject's father, Mrs. SARAH BEGUN, Mrs. PEARL SILVER and Mrs. GOLDIE GURSHTEL, together with HARRY GURSHTEL, all reside in Los Angeles, California. He stated HARRY GURSHTEL is very well to do and is reported to be operating a parking lot in downtown Los Angeles. Mr. DERVIN, upon viewing the photograph of the subject taken in 1948, advised there is a strong family resemblance in this photograph, however, he could not identify it as the subject.

Mr. and Mrs. BEN KAPLAN, 821-14th Street, proprietor Boston Cleaners, 924-4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 10 and 11, 1955 advised they had been in their present location since 1920. They advised HARRY GURSHTEL operated a clothing store two doors east for many years, until about 1948. They advised they could not definitely recall the subject, however, they were acquainted with the ABRAM KOVAL family, ABRAM KOVAL being a brother of GOLDIE GURSHTEL. They advised that KOVAL was a carpenter who lived at 6th and Virginia Streets and in about 1932 or 1933 the entire KOVAL family, consisting of ABRAM KOVAL, his wife, ETHEL, and children returned to the Biro-Bidjan colony in Russia. They stated none of the KOVALs had ever been back in Sioux City since that time. Mr. KAPLAN stated that at first when the KOVALs had returned to Russia, HARRY GURSHTEL would remark that he had heard from the KOVALs and they liked it in Russia, however, as time went by he no longer talked about the KOVALs and no one else has talked to him about the KOVAL family.

Mr. KAPLAN stated HARRY GURSHTEL and ABRAM KOVAL had been active in the Icor, which advocated return to Biro-Bidjan, Russia. He stated in about 1934, HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL made a trip to Russia and when they came back, they talked about how good things were in Russia; however, GURSHTEL did not say where in Russia he had been, nor did he say he had seen the KOVAL family. Mr. and Mrs.

KAPLAN were exhibited the photograph of the subject; however, they were unable to identify it, stating that they had not known the subject well enough at the time he left Sioux City to identify the photograph.

On March 10, 1955, Mr. EDWARD E. BARON, an attorney with offices at 323 Francis Building, Sioux City, Iowa, advised he did not know subject KOVAL, nor could he recall anyone named KOVAL formerly residing in Sioux City, Iowa. Mr. BARON stated he would contact an old man presently in the hospital with a heart attack who would undoubtedly know the KOVAL family, however, he pointed out that the sick man could not have other visitors.

On March 11, 1955, Mr. BARON advised he had talked to Mr. I. SINGER, age 70; presently confined in the Methodist Hospital with a heart attack. He stated Mr. SINGER had informed him ABRAM KOVAL was a brother-in-law of HARRY GURSHTEL; that the entire KOVAL family had returned to the Biro-Bidjan Region of Russia over twenty years ago. He stated ABRAM KOVAL had one son, whose name he could not recall, who had attended the University of Iowa and who was an "out and out Communist who spoke on the street corners." Mr. SINGER further advised Mr. BARON that none of the KOVAL family had ever been known to return to this country and they had never been seen in Sioux City since they left.

Mr. BARON stated he still could not place the KOVAL family, however, he had been President of the Jewish Community Center in the 1930's and recalled the difficulty they had had relative to the Icor Organization headed by HARRY GURSHTEL, which organization advocated the return to Russia.

Mr. JAKE SHAPIRO, proprietor, Sioux City Paper and Barrel Company, 120 O Street, home address 1123-11th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, informed on March 11, 1955 that he had known subject KOVAL's father but could not recall the subject. Mr. SHAPIRO stated the subject's father was a brother of Mrs. GOLDIE GURSHTEL, that ABRAM KOVAL and HARRY GURSHTEL had advocated and circulated literature for Biro-Bidjan, a resettlement project in Russia. He stated the entire KOVAL family, consisting of ABRAM KOVAL, his wife and sons, had returned to Russia in the early 1930's and he had never heard from or about the KOVAL family since that time.

Mr. GEORGE PEINBERG, proprietor, Sioux City Furniture Company, 4th and Court Streets, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 11, 1955 advised

he could not recall the subject or the KOVAL family. He stated he could contact his uncle, who is seriously ill and not expected to live, as his uncle would probably recall the KOVAL family. Mr. FEINBERG contacted his uncle, JACOB SHINDLER, who informed Mr. FEINBERG the KOVAL family had left Sioux City in the early 1930's and had gone to Russia to resettle in the Biro-Bidjan area. Mr. FEINBERG stated, according to his uncle, no one has ever heard from the KOVAL family since that time and there were rumors that the KOVALs had been killed. However, this was a generalized rumor pertaining to all people who had returned to Russia and was not a specific statement as to the KOVAL family, according to Mr. FEINBERG.

Mr. DAVID J. ALBERT, Vice-President and General Manager of the Kaplan Wholesale Grocery Company, 11th and Wall Streets, home address 2807 Valley Drive, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 11, 1955 advised he recalls a GEORGE KOVAL in his graduating class from high school, however, he could no longer recall anything about him. He stated the photograph of GEORGE KOVAL, taken in 1948, is slightly familiar, however, he could not positively identify the subject. He further stated he could not recall anything about the subject or his family.

Mr. BERNARD LIPMAN, proprietor, Lipman's Variety Store, 822 West 7th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 11, 1955 advised he could not recognize photograph of the subject, nor could he recall the name of KOVAL, who apparently graduated in his same class at Central High School.

Mr. WILLIAM AMSLER, Comptroller, Wincharger Corporation, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 11, 1955 advised he could not recognize the photograph of the subject, nor could he recognize the name of KOVAL as one who had been in his graduating class at Central High School.

The following investigation was conducted by SA OLIVE G. MATTHEWS:

RICHARD B. MILLER, Electrical Engineer, employed by the Iowa-Illinois Electric Company, Davenport, Iowa, and who resides at 1011 West 16th Street, was interviewed on February 14, 1955. Mr. MILLER advised he attended the State University of Iowa from the fall of 1930 until the spring of 1935 when he was graduated with a Master of Science Degree. He stated he was in the College of Electrical Engineering and had a wide acquaintance among his classmates and fellow students at the time. He stated, however, that the name of

the subject is entirely unfamiliar to him and that the possibility exists that he might have known him casually but that any acquaintance he might have had with the subject would have been very casual indeed, in view of the fact that he is not now even able to recall the subject's name.

Mr. MILLER further advised there is another employee of this same company named LEO MILLER who attended the State University of Iowa and who is at this time an Engineering Superintendent for the above company. He contacted LEO MILLER, however, he was advised that LEO MILLER had never heard of anyone by the name of the subject, to the best of his recollection.

ADAM C. ROTH, Transmission Engineer, Stanley Engineering Company, who resides at 806 Cedar Street, advised that he matriculated at the State University of Iowa in the fall of 1930 and was graduated from the College of Electrical Engineering in the spring of 1934 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He stated that the name "GEORGE KOVAL" is very faintly and vaguely familiar to him and he associates this name with an individual whom he probably knew only by sight while attending the State University of Iowa. He said, however, that he never knew KOVAL personally and could definitely state that he was never in a position to have acquired any information concerning him.

Confidential Informant Omaha T-4, of known reliability, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party, USA, at and in the vicinity of Muscatine, Iowa, advised that the name of the subject is entirely unfamiliar to him.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EARL H. WILLIAMS:

On December 23, 1954, JACK SAYRE, Departmental Manager, Iowa Power and Light Company, Des Moines, Iowa, advised he recalled one of his classmates named KOVAL but could not recall his first name or any information of value regarding him. He stated he did not associate with KOVAL, except as a classmate, and could furnish no information regarding his background.

On December 23, 1954, NATHAN KAIMAN, Vice-President, Keith Electric Company, 1213 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa, advised he recalled the subject as GEORGE KOVAL, but knew nothing regarding his background. He stated as he recalled, the subject roomed at the Quadrangle, student quarters, but he had no association with him. He advised he did not think the subject was graduated. He advised he had

never had anything to do with the subject except to discuss engineering matters with him during their attendance at the college. He advised he knew of no other names used by the subject, nor did he know of any brothers or other background on him.

KAIMAN stated he recalled that when he returned to the University of Iowa in the fall of 1933, someone had written him and stated that KOVAL had returned to Russia with his parents. He stated he knew nothing other than this regarding the rumor of his returning to Russia. He stated he could not recall who had written him this information.

Confidential Informant Omaha T-5, of known reliability, advised he had never heard of the subject being associated with any members of the Communist Party, USA in Des Moines, Iowa.

The following was conducted by SA HAYNE A. THOMPSON:

Passport Applications

Miss ESTHER ANDERSON, Deputy Clerk, U. S. District Court, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 8, 1955 produced Cashbook Record covering the period March 23, 1929 through April, 1935. A cash receipt entry under date of May 13, 1932 reflects Passport Application made by ABRAM KOVAL. Miss ANDERSON advised it was necessary to list all the members of the KOVAL family in a Passport Application.

On March 11, 1955, Miss ESTHER ANDERSON produced the Cashbook Record covering the period from May, 1935 through March 31, 1944, and on page 18 of this book, under date of April 7, 1936, was an Application for a Passport by HARRY GURSHTEL.

The Cashbook Records were checked from 1929 to 1940 for the following names, without locating any Passport Application:

ETHEL SHENISKE
PAUL or PEARL SILVER
SARAH or MORRIS BEGUN.

Miss ESTHER DONAHUE, Reporter, Sioux City Credit Bureau, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 14, 1955 advised they have no record for anyone named KOVAL in their file. She advised inactive cards are destroyed every five years.

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Mr. RAY BENTSON, Credit Department, Iowa Public Service Company, Sioux City, Iowa, on March 10, 1955 advised they do not have any customer by the name of KOVAL. He advised their records do not extend back to 1932.

The following description of the subject was obtained from the files of the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office, which description was taken on September 3, 1931:

Name	GEORGE KOVAL
Address	617 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	17 (in 1931)
Height	6'
Weight	175
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Unemployed
Nativity	Sioux City, Iowa.

The following names of relatives were obtained from records set out in this report, and from various persons interviewed:

Father; ABRAM BERKO KOVAL, address unknown;
Mother; ETHEL SHENISKE KOVAL, address unknown;
Brother; ISATAH KOVAL, address unknown;
Brother; GABRIEL KOVAL, address unknown;
Aunts, Mrs. PAUL (PEARL) SILVER, 1209 Orange Grove Avenue,
Los Angeles, California; Mrs. MORRIS (SARAH) BEGUN, Los
Angeles, California; Mrs. HARRY (GOLDIE) GURSHTEL, 630
North Orlando Avenue, West Hollywood, 36, California;
Uncle; HARRY GURSHTEL, 630 North Orlando Avenue, West Holly-
wood, California;
Cousins, [redacted] Los Angeles, California; [redacted]
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T-1: []	Background of GEORGE KOVAL	3/8 and 10/55	H.A.THOMPSON (orally)	Instant report
	Characterization of HARRY GURSHTEL	6/18/48	J.L.MULHALL (orally)	100-4130W-29
	Characterization of HARRY GURSHTEL	3/8/55	H.A.THOMPSON (orally)	Instant report
	Background of subject's family	3/10/55	H.A.THOMPSON (Orally)	Instant report
	Characterization of PAUL SILVER	6/18/48	J.L.MULHALL (orally)	100-4130W-29
	Characterization of PAUL SILVER	3/10/55	H.A.THOMPSON (orally)	Instant report
T-2: Former []	Characterization of HARRY GURSHTEL	2/41	H.A.THOMPSON (orally)	100-520-1
T-3: Pretext phone call	Information re Mrs. PAUL SILVER	6/18/48	J.L.MULHALL (orally)	100-4130W-29
T-4: []	Re GEORGE KOVAL	2/16/55	C.G.MATTHEWS (orally)	Instant report
T-5: []	Re GEORGE KOVAL	12/23/54	E.H.WILLIAMS (orally)	[]

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will check the indices for the names of HARRY GURSHTEL, GOLDIE GURSHTEL, PEARL SILVER, [] SARAH DEGUN and advise the New York Office of the results of this search.

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NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

If not already covered, will review records of Local Board 126, Bronx, New York, to determine if the subject gave any reason for not registering on October 16, 1940, and his location on that date.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will check files of the Passport Office, Department of State, for information as to the trip to Russia of ABRAM KOVAL and his family. It will be noted the application for the Passport was made in the office of the Clerk of the U. S. District Court, Sioux City, Iowa, on May 13, 1932.

Will determine if all members of the KOVAL family are listed as making this trip. Will determine if there are records available to indicate whether or not ABRAM KOVAL, subject, or other members of the KOVAL family ever came back to this country. In this connection, it is noted that subject GEORGE KOVAL registered for Selective Service with Local Board 26, Bronx, New York, on January 22, 1941, whereas the normal date for registering of subject would have been October 16, 1940.

REFERENCES: Report of SA HARRY T. HINDERLITER, JR., dated 10/28/54, New York.
Report of SA JOHN J. KELLY, dated 12/23/54, Omaha.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 3/30/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/16, 23-25, 28; 3/3/55	REPORT MADE BY H.E. HINDERLITER, JR.	pma
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject reportedly employed Medical Salvage Co., NYC, from November, 1946 through February, 1947, while attending school. Mr. HERBERT CAHN, Treasurer; Mr. S. NOGUERAS, employee; and Mr. THEO SAUM, President of Atlas Trading Corp., NYC, all advised they had no knowledge of the subject having been employed by Atlas. Mr. HERBERT J. SANDBERG advised he understood the subject was to perform electrical work in Poland and last heard from him by post card from Paris in 1948.

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DETAILS: The records of the Veterans Administration, 252 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, reviewed on March 25, 1954, revealed that GEORGE KOVAL had been employed by the Medical Salvage Company, 247 East 23rd Street, New York, New York, from February to March, 1947.

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Mr. MILTON KRAMER, Manager; and Mrs. J. KRAMER, owner of the Medical Salvage Company, Incorporated, 217 East 23rd Street, New York, New York, advised on February 10, 1954 that they could identify the photograph of GEORGE KOVAL as being a part time employee who worked with their concern from November of 1946 through February 14, 1947. Their records listed his name as GEORGE KOVAL, Social Security Number 052-18-0975, single and residing at 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York. He was attending some unknown school.

Both Mr. and Mrs. KRAMER described subject as a very quiet individual, whom they could just barely recall, and stated he left that establishment for another job which afforded him better hours for his schooling.

Mr. KRAMER believed that they hired subject through a contact he had at the Veterans Administration, who recommended likely students for part time work. He could recall no information concerning the subject's political sympathies nor did he know any further employment or background information concerning him.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., reviewed by SA HAROLD E. CAMPELL, JR., on July 27 and August 2, 1954, disclosed that in connection with Passport Number 170092, issued to the subject on March 15, 1948, KOVAL listed HERBERT J. SANDBERG, 254 West 98th Street, New York, New York, as a witness.

The files also contained a letter dated March 8, 1948, from the Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York, New York, signed by Mr. P. R. RINCONES, President, which stated KOVAL would act as a representative of the Atlas Trading Corporation, an export-import firm, on a commission basis in France, Belgium, Switzerland, and Poland, and requested the issuance of the necessary documents for KOVAL'S travel to these countries.

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Mr. HERBERT CAHN, Treasurer, Atlas Trading Corporation, Room 1341, 17 Battery Place, New York, New York, advised on February 10, 1955 that he has been employed by the above concern since 1951, and had never known anyone by the name of GEORGE KOVAL as having been employed by that concern. He advised that the subject's photograph was totally unfamiliar to him and he permitted a review of payroll records for the entire year of 1948 which did not disclose any employment record of the subject.

Mr. CAHN advised that Mr. P. R. RINCONES departed from the Atlas Trading Company in approximately 1949 selling out his interest in that year.

The company was originally established by Mr. RINCONES in 1937, and this individual is currently residing in South America and is a member of the American Chamber of Commerce in Venezuela. The record for RINCONES indicated that Mr. PEDRO R. RINCONES BALDO resided at Post Office Box 153, Caracas, Venezuela, telephone number 9-7327, and possible business address Edif. Goma III er Piso, Ibarra A. Pelote.

Mr. CAHN added that the only other possible contact KOVAL could have had with Atlas, not reflected in the above files, would have been as a commission agent and not as a direct representative. The only manner whereby this activity could be confirmed would be through a review of Atlas correspondence for the years 1948 and 1949, and such correspondence is not presently available.

Mr. S. NOGUERAS, an employee of Atlas Trading Company since 1947, was interviewed on February 10, 1955 and furnished substantially similar information to that obtained from Mr. CAHN, and added that he also was unable to identify subject by name or photograph. He had no knowledge of European representatives, either as commission agents or otherwise, having been engaged by the Atlas Company during 1948 and 1949.

Mr. FRED BAUM, President of Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York, New York, advised on February 24, 1955 that he had been employed by the Atlas Trading

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Corporation since April, 1947 and could not identify the subject by name or photograph as ever having been employed by that concern. He stated Atlas never had any business connections in Europe with the possible exception of minor dealings with England, nor did they ever try to develop any inasmuch as their activities were confined primarily to South America.

Mr. BAUM observed that Mr. RINCONES may have possibly used official stationery for correspondence in connection with KOVAL, but seriously doubted that KOVAL ever had any actual affiliation with Atlas.

Mr. HERBERT J. SANDBERG, Apartment 8F, 451 East 14th Street, New York, New York, advised on February 23, 1955 that he first met subject in the period from September, 1943 to June, 1944, when they were assigned to Army Specialized Training Program at the City College of New York. He renewed his acquaintance with subject in the Fall of 1946, when he (SANDBERG) began a teaching position at City College and KOVAL returned to obtain an electrical engineering degree. He had a casual social relationship with the subject from this period up until the Spring of 1948, when the subject obtained a job in Europe, and he last heard from him by post card from Paris a month or two after KOVAL'S departure from the United States. He recalled that KOVAL had encountered some difficulty in obtaining his passport, due to the lack of birth statistics, but finally obtained same by wiring some place, possibly in Denver, for the proper records.

SANDBERG stated that he, himself, had an acquaintance in a travel agency and had imposed on her to use what influence she could to expedite KOVAL'S passport application, inasmuch as KOVAL had a reservation on the SS AMERICA some time in March, 1948, which he did not want to lose. The acquaintance was unable to render any assistance.

Mr. SANDBERG stated it was his impression the subject planned to engage in electrical work, in connection with the construction of some type of power firm in Poland by a United States concern.

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He explained that he was never intimately acquainted with KOVAL, in that the latter was somewhat older than himself and the other group of individuals who were taking this Army Training Program together and, consequently, while they maintained a friendly relationship, he never obtained complete background details concerning KOVAL.

He stated that he recalled hearing that KOVAL had been assigned at Oak Ridge after leaving the College of the City of New York originally, and stated that he was very popular among the servicemen and also the students on his return.

As an indication of his popularity, he was elected either president of his class or a member of an honorary fraternity.

Being somewhat older, KOVAL exercised a moderating influence in virtually all forms of discussion, including those political, and there was never any question as to KOVAL's loyalty towards the United States Government.

During the period SANDBERG knew him, he resided at 2004 Valentine Avenue in the Bronx. Just prior to his departure from the United States, KOVAL had been dating JEAN FINKLESTEIN of 1285 Morris Avenue, New York City, who later moved to 1002 North Townsend Avenue, Los Angeles 33, California. Mr. SANDBERG advised that he did not believe the subject corresponded with her to any extent, as he recalled several contacts from her asking him whether he had any word from the subject.

Mr. SANDBERG advised the subject was also socially acquainted with IRVING and DOROTHY WEISMAN, formerly residing at 965 Bruckner Boulevard, New York, New York, and was also friendly with JOHN W. BOZEMAN, currently employed at the Republic Aircraft Company and residing at 32 Henhawk Road, Baldwin, New York, telephone number B. 3-9037. BOZEMAN, according to SANDBERG, was in KOVAL'S Army Specialized Training Program class at the College of the City of New York, and may be aware of additional class members with whom KOVAL would be in contact with.

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Mr. SANDBERG advised that, in the event he received any additional information concerning the subject's whereabouts or activities, he would notify the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The files of the New York Office contained no pertinent information which could be identified with JEAN FINKLESTEIN, JOHN W. BOZEMAN or IRVING & DOROTHY WEISMAN.

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LEADS

OMAHA

At Omaha, Nebraska

Will report the results of the investigation outstanding in your office.

LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles, California

Will interview JEAN FINKLESTEIN, 1902 North Townsend Avenue, Los Angeles 33, California, for all available information regarding subject.

Will specifically attempt to ascertain all background, activities, and associates of subject she is familiar with, as many details surrounding his alleged employment with the Atlas Trading Corporation as possible, the reasons for his travel to Europe in 1948, and the last whereabouts and address she has for subject.

For the information of the Los Angeles Office, instant investigation is based on the fact that KOVAL was employed by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN at the Raven Electric Company from 1939 to 1943, entered the United States Army and was assigned to the Manhattan Project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, with access to highly classified material. LASSEN has been identified as a Soviet Agent and is chief suspect for Unknown Subject (S) [redacted] Los Angeles file 65-4536.) KOVAL'S [redacted] since 1948 are presently unknown.

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NEW YORK

At Baldwin, New York

Will interview JOHN W. BOZEMAN, 32 Henhawk Road, for all available information in his possession concerning the subject. 11

At New York, New York

Will, attempt to locate and interview IRVING and DOROT...Y WEISMAN, 965 Bruckner Boulevard, for all information in their possession concerning the subject.

REFERENCES Reports of SA H.E.HINDERLITER, JR., NY, 10/28/54 and 12/31/54.

Director, FBI (65-62911)

SAC, New York (65-16756)

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GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Enclosed herewith are six copies of the report of
SA H.E. HINDERLITER, JR., NY, 3/30/55.

The Bureau is requested to arrange with appropriate agency, if possible, for the interview of PEDRO R. RINCONES BALDO, PO Box 153 in Caracas, Venezuela, for all information in his possession concerning the subject. Specific effort should be made to ascertain the nature of KOVAL'S affiliation with the Atlas Trading Corporation, and the details surrounding RINCONES' letter to the State Department in support of the subject's passport application.

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TO : SAC, New York (65-16756)

DATE: April 11, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI (65-62911)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Immediately submit results of contact
with Mrs. G. Gardner as suggested in Bulet 11-19-54.

- ☒ Mr. Tolson
- ☒ Mr. E. A. Tamm
- ☒ Mr. Clegg
- ☒ Mr. Glavin
- ☒ Mr. Ladd
- ☒ Mr. Nichols
- ☒ Mr. Rosen
- ☒ Mr. Tracy
- ☒ Mr. Carson
- ☒ Mr. Egan
- ☒ Mr. Gurnea
- ☒ Mr. Hendon
- ☒ Mr. Pennington
- ☒ Mr. Quinn
- ☒ Mr. Nease
- ☒ Miss Gandy

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immediately and
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GEORGE KOVAL
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Forward to Bureau two copies of photograph
of George Koval.

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DATE: April 13, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI (65-62911)

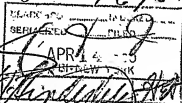
SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Re report of SA Hayne A. Thompson dated
3-23-55 at Omaha.

Bureau files contain no information which
can be identified with the following:

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Abram Berko Koval
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Ethel. Koval
Ethel Sheniske

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Date: April 13, 1955

To:

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Transmitted herewith is a single copy of the report of H. E. Hinderliter, Jr., dated 3-30-55 at New York.

Your attention is directed specifically to information beginning in the last paragraph on page 2 of the attached report concerning Mr. P. R. Rincones, former President of the Atlas Trading Corporation, who is reported to currently maintain a mailing address in Caracas, Venezuela.

Investigation to date in this matter, results of which have been made available to you, indicates a strong possibility that George Koval was involved in Soviet intelligence operations from 1941 until the time of his sudden departure from the United States in 1948. From records of the Passport Office, Department of State, it would appear that Rincones was instrumental in assisting Koval in obtaining the necessary travel documents even though it was apparently unusual for the Atlas Trading Corporation to have a representative in Europe.

It is requested that, if at all possible, you arrange to have Rincones interviewed in an attempt to determine the nature of his acquaintance with Koval, the circumstances resulting in his intercession on Koval's behalf, the identity

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of any person or persons who may have introduced or recommended Koual, the nature of Koual's employment as a commission representative of the company, and, of course, any information which might assist in determining Koual's present whereabouts.

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GEORGE KOVAL, ESPIONAGE - R. REBULET 4/11/55. MRS. G. GARDNER, SUPERINTENDENT, 2004 VALENTINE AVENUE, BRONX, NY, ADVISED ON 3/14/55 THAT WHILE THE PHOTO OF JACOB BROCHES ARONOFF RESEMBLED THE VISITOR TO KOVAL IN THAT BOTH WORE A GOATEE, SHE WAS NOT SURE IN HER MIND AND REQUESTED ADDITIONAL TIME TO CONSIDER THE MATTER. MRS. GARDNER WAS RECONTACTED 4/6/55 AND ADVISED SHE NOW FELT THAT TO THE BEST OF HER RECOLLECTION THE VISITOR TO KOVAL WAS NOT IDENTICAL TO THE PHOTO OF ARONOFF IN THAT THE VISITOR WAS POSSIBLY SLIGHTLY OLDER AND HAD A THINNER FACE THAN THE ONE IN THE PHOTO. SHE REITERATED SHE HAD SEEN THE VISITOR ON ONLY ONE OR TWO OCCASIONS FOR A SHORT PERIOD AND THEREFORE STATED ANY POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR HER TO MAKE.

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TO : SAC, New York (65-16756)

DATE: April 7, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI (65-62911)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Re report of SA Hayne A. Thompson dated 3/23/55 at Omaha, Nebraska. From information developed to date in this investigation it appears quite possible that George Koval accompanied other members of his family to Russia in 1932 where he was recruited into the Soviet Intelligence Service, trained and dispatched to the U. S. in the latter part of 1940 or very early part of 1941. It is of extreme importance to determine (1) when and how he re-entered the U. S. and (2) the exact circumstances surrounding his assignment to the project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Every attempt should be made to determine his possible re-entry into the U. S. subsequent to his departure in 1948.

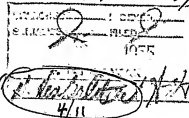
It is also suggested that the Omaha office check high school and university yearbooks for additional photographs of Koval and that the Los Angeles office conduct such investigation as will enable a determination as to the advisability of interviewing relatives of Koval presently living in that area.

The New York office should give this investigation continuous and aggressive attention and should prepare an insert on George Koval for the Intelligence Album even though his participation in Soviet intelligence operations as yet is largely circumstantial.

cc - 2 - Los Angeles

cc - 2 - Omaha (65-609)

cc - 2 - Washington Field



DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Re report of SA HAYNE A. THOMPSON dated 3/23/55 at Omaha, report of SA H.E. HINDERLITER, Jr. at New York, 3/30/55 and bulet to New York 4/7/55.

A review of the files of the Los Angeles office fail to reflect any information which could be identified with [redacted] who are reported to be cousins of subject. b6 b7C

The Los Angeles files reflect the following information regarding HENRY GURSHTEL, uncle, GOLDIE GURSHTEL, PEARL SILVER and SARAH BEGUN who are reported to be subject's aunts.

HARRY GURSHTEL

On 3/2/51 [redacted] furnished SA E.K. DEANE and SE J.W. JENNINGS approximately 700 addressed wrappers used in mailing the "Worker" and the "Daily Worker" to subscribers in the Los Angeles area. Pertinent portion of one such wrapper is "H. GURSHTEL, 630 No. Orlando, Los Angeles, 36, California - 7/17/51 11-583 AM". On 5/7/51 [redacted] obtained information from a building located at 80-5th Avenue, concerning International Workers Order transfer applications. One application dated 1/2/49 for HARRY GURSHTEL requested his transfer from NAL, Sioux City, Iowa, to Lodge #141, Los Angeles, California as per the members own request. The card also showed member had paid his dues thru December, 1948. This card also bore the address 630 No. Orlando Avenue, Hollywood, California. b2 b7D

GOLDIE GURSHTEL

On 5/7/51 [redacted] also obtained IWO transfer card for GOLDIE GURSHTEL containing identical information as set forth above. [redacted] who has provided reliable information in the past has advised GOLDIE GURSHTEL was a member of and attended meetings of the Hollywood Branch of the EMMA LASARUS Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs on 9/2, 16, 30/54; 10/19, 28/54; 11/11/54; 12/1, 9, 23, 28/54 and 1/8, 17, 20/55.

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[redacted] who has provided reliable information in the past orally stated to SA SUMNEY H. WOLF on May 17, 1954 that the EIMA LAZARUS Jewish Women's Clubs of Los Angeles are affiliated with the EIMA LAZARUS Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs with headquarters in New York City, which until the early part of 1951, were known as the EIMA LAZARUS Division, Jewish People's Fraternal Order. [redacted] stated that ELIOT, Los Angeles, about 1952, and early 1953, was also referred to as the EIMA LAZARUS Council of Jewish Women.

The Jewish People's Fraternal Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. b2 b7D

PEARL SILVER

[redacted] has advised PEARL SILVER was a member of and attended meetings of the Hollywood branch of the EIMA LAZARUS Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs on seventeen different occasions between June 3, 1954 and January 20, 1955. On 3/2/51 [redacted] furnished SA E.K. DEANE and SE J.W. JENNINGS approximately 700 addressed wrappers used in mailing the "Worker" and the "Daily Worker". Pertinent portions of one such wrapper is "PEARL SILVER, 1209 No. Orange Grove Avenue, Los Angeles 46, California 3-252 H & A."

SARAH BEGUN

On 3/2/51 [redacted] furnished the above wrappers and the pertinent portion of one was as follows: "MRS. SARAH BEGUN, 916 No. Alfred Street, Los Angeles, California 10-19-51 H 2R & A CHA."

Regarding referenced New York report the following investigation was conducted to locate JEAN FINKLESTEIN. A pretext telephone call to MRS. MIRIAM L. RIEKIN, who has resided 10021 No. Townsend for past three years advised she had no recollection of JEAN FINKLESTEIN and knew she had not resided at 1002 No. Townsend Avenue or in any of the other apartments in this court during the past three years.

The present tenant in 2002 and 2001 No. Townsend advised they do not know of any JEAN FINKLESTEIN. MR. A.B. NEWMAN, 304 So. Cummings Avenue, Los Angeles, California, owner and manager of the courts at 1002 No. Townsend Avenue, advised he had no record of a JEAN FINKLESTEIN ever being a tenant and he has owned and operated the court for many years. He advised, however, that approximately two years ago he had twin brothers,

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GEORGE and LEONARD FIELDS who rented from him. GEORGE and his wife resided at 1002 No. Townsend Avenue for about 2 1/2 years prior to moving two years ago and that GEORGE and his family had another apartment in the court. MR. NEWMAN recalled these brothers while residing in his apartments had legally changed their names from FINKLESTEIN to FIELDS. MR. NEWMAN believed they had remained in the Los Angeles area but had no information as to their present whereabouts. A search of current Los Angeles area directories and telephonic inquiries of those with that name failed to reflect any information regarding the brothers. A search of current Los Angeles area directories and Los Angeles office indices failed to reflect any information which could be identified with JEAN FINKLESTEIN. RUC

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TO : SAC, New York (65-16756)

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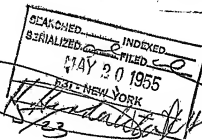
FROM : Director, FBI (65-62911)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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Relet from Los Angeles dated May 3, 1955.

Suggest recontact of Herbert J. Sandberg for possible information as to current address of Jean Finklestein or persons who would know present whereabouts.

cc - 1 - Los Angeles (65-6124) (For Information)



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GEORGE KOVAL
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PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING GEORGE KOVAL

(S) GEORGE KOVAL was employed by the Raven Electric Company (REC), NYC, from approximately 1939 to early 1943. The REC was operated by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, who has been identified as a Soviet Agent, and as the prime suspect for the subject of the investigation entitled, "UNSUB; was: [REDACTED] b1
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KOVAL was inducted into the U.S. Army on 2/4/43, and during 1945 was assigned to the Manhattan Engineering Project (MEP), Oak Ridge, Tenn. Investigation at Oak Ridge reflects that KOVAL worked in the Health Physics Department, Clinton Laboratory, and reportedly had access to information which could have varied from "unclassified" to "top secret." His reported duties consisted of the following:

He assisted in performing technical work involving the development of apparatus and transposition of data incident to research in the development of Army material.

Following his honorable discharge from the U.S. Army in 1946, KOVAL enrolled at the College of the City of New York, where he was awarded a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree on 2/1/48.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reflect that KOVAL was issued a passport on 3/15/48, for proposed travel to France, Belgium, Switzerland, Sweden, and Poland, as a representative of the Atlas Trading Corp, NYC.

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Investigation at the Atlas Trading Corp., NYC., has failed to reflect a record of KOVAL'S employment with that company, or his proposed travel abroad during 1948.

Departure manifest records of the "SS America," as reviewed on 5/9/55, reflect that KOVAL departed the US at NYC on 10/6/48, destined for LeHayre, France. His passage was classified as "cabin-class."

HERBERT J. SANDBERG, a former acquaintance of the subject, has advised that KOVAL sent him a post card from Paris, France, during 1948.

Concerning KOVAL'S earlier background, the following is noted:

He was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on 12/25/13, and resided in that city with his parents, ABRAM BERKO KOVAL, born Poland, and ETHEL nee SHENISKE, born Poland, until around 1932. During 1932 or 1933, the entire KOVAL family, including the subject and his two brothers, ISAIAH and GABRIEL, reportedly departed the US for Russia.

The date of the subject's return to the US is presently unknown, as are his activities and exact whereabouts during the years 1933-1941. His activities and exact whereabouts since March, 1948, are also, presently unknown.

DESCRIPTION (1946)

Name	GEORGE KOVAL
Sex	Male
Race	White 14
Born	12/25/13, Sioux City, Iowa
Height	5'11 1/2"
Weight	170 lbs.
Build	Medium
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown

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Complexion	Medium-dark
Marital Status	Single
Occupation	Electrical Engineer
USA Serial #	32790994
Social Security #	052-18-0975
Last known residence	2004 Valentine Ave., Bronx, NY. (1948)

In order to develop all available background information for the subject, which might assist the investigation being conducted to ascertain his present whereabouts, and the nature of his past and present activities, the following investigation should be conducted by the designated offices:

BALTIMORE

Through utilization of [redacted] will furnish known background and employment data for subject listed under his SSN 052-18-0975. In addition, will report the inception date of subject's coverage under Federal Social Security program. b7D

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KNOXVILLE

Re: [redacted] 9/3/54, captioned, "Unknown Subject; was: [redacted] ESP-R." b1

At Oak Ridge, Tennessee

1. Will recontact L.P. RIORDAN, Chief Plant Protection Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, to identify all contacts and associates of the subject during his tour of duty at the AEC installation, Oak Ridge.
2. Will interview former contacts and associates of subject, determined to be residing in the territorial jurisdiction of the Knoxville Office, concerning their recollection of his activities.

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In addition, will set out necessary leads to interview pertinent contacts determined to be residing outside Knoxville Division.

3. Will, if deemed practicable, conduct neighborhood investigation in vicinity of SED Barracks, Oak Ridge, the subject's reported residence during 1945.

4. Will exhaustively conduct investigation deemed pertinent to cover all possibilities of obtaining information regarding subject's activities, employment, and contacts while assigned at Oak Ridge. Particular emphasis should be given to the following:

Attempt to develop exact nature of subject's duties, and type of classified data to which he had access; the identity of his immediate superior officer; any record, such as leave record, indicating absence from Oak Ridge during his assignment thereat.

NEW HAVEN

Will contact ELIZABETH BENTLEY regarding subject.

ST. LOUIS

Will report all available information contained in the subject's US Army service record on file at the Military Personnel Records Center. The subject's Army serial number is 32790994. He was honorably discharged from the US Army at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, as a Technician 3rd Grade on 2/12/46.

Letter to Director
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WASHINGTON FIELD

1. Will at Central Office, INS and Customs place nation-wide lookout and stop notices so that this Bureau will be notified in the event subject returns to the US.

2. Will recheck the files of the Passport Office, Dept. of State, concerning the following information regarding Passport #170092, issued to subject on 3/15/48: Any indication he had resided outside the continental limits of US subsequent to 1932 or 1933; any indication passport renewed or used for travel since his travel to LeHavre, France, on 10/6/48.

On the basis of background data presently known for the subject, will review his passport record to determine any violation FAG Statute or grounds for loss of citizenship.

3. Will contact [] and [] and [] regarding subject.

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The Bureau is requested to consider the advisability of the following investigation:

1. Request liaison representative, Paris, France, to:

a. Check [] to obtain information regarding subject's arrival thereat aboard "SS America," which departed NYC, 10/6/48, which might assist in tracing subject's present whereabouts.

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b. Through appropriate sources conduct background investigation regarding subject and Atlas Trading Corp., NYC, at Paris, France, it being noted subject reportedly was foreign representative of that company during 1948, and also reportedly was in Paris, France, during that period.

c. Contact LOUIS GIBARTI regarding subject.

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(S) It is noted that GIBARTI has in the past furnished information regarding BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, previously designated as the prime suspect for the unknown Soviet Age [redacted] and it is believed might be in a position to furnish information regarding the subject's possible subversive activities. b1

2. Reference Omaha report, 3/23/55, instant case.

Will review Bureau indices for any information concerning the following individuals identified above report as relatives of subject:

HARRY GURSHTEL - age 70 - uncle - formerly resided Sioux City, Iowa; presently resides Los Angeles, California.

GOLDIE GURSHTEL nee Koval - age 58 - aunt - wife of HARRY GURSHTEL.

SAM GERTZ - age 68 - uncle - resident Sioux City, Iowa, 1922.

PAUL SILVER - age 60 - uncle - deceased 1944, Sioux City, Iowa.

PEARL SILVER, nee Gertz; Koval, - age 55 - aunt - formerly resided Sioux City, Iowa; presently resides Los Angeles, Calif.

SARAH BEGUN, nee Koval - aunt - former resident Sioux City, Iowa; presently resides Los Angeles, Calif.

[redacted] born Sioux City, Iowa. b6 b7C

cousins, [redacted] possibly residing Los Angeles, Calif.

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One photograph of the subject is being enclosed for Knoxville, New Haven, and Washington Field.

One additional copy of this letter and photograph of subject has been designated for the Bureau in event Bureau desires to furnish copies to its liaison representative at Paris, France.

For the information of the Bureau, the NYO has recently been successful in obtaining the subject's complete Selective Service file, and, as previously mentioned herein, has ascertained the date of the subject's departure from the US by conducting an appropriate manifest review. A report reflecting results of the above investigation, and logical leads developed therefrom, is in process of being prepared.

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Director, FBI (100-362424)

5/26/55

SAC, New York (100-20005)

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL ALBUM
IS-R

There are enclosed for the Bureau nine copies of a Soviet
Intelligence Album insert concerning GEORGE ROYAL, subject of case
entitled, "ALTON ROYAL; INTERMEDIATE-R" (Bufile 65-42911).

One copy of each is enclosed for the offices listed below.

Also enclosed for the Bureau and the offices listed below,
respectively, are nine notices, and one copy each of a photograph of
G. R. ROYAL.

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Soviet Intelligence Album

Name George Koval

Past Residences Other than USSR

1922-1932	619 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa
1941-1943	3470 Cannon Place, Bronx, New York
1945	SED Barracks, Oak Ridge, Tennessee
Fall, 1946- Fall, 1948	2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York

Description

Sex	Male
Race	White
Born	December 25, 1913, Sioux City, Iowa
Height	6'
Weight	170-175 pounds
Hair	Black - dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium - dark
Occupation	Electrical Engineer
Marital Status	Single

Relatives

Father	Abram Berko Koval - age 72
Mother	Ethel, nee Sheniske - age 65
Brother	Isaiah Koval - age 43
Brother	Gabriel Koval - age 36

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Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942 he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, New York, New York, owned by Benjamin W. Lassen, a ~~prime suspect~~ for the unknown Soviet agent known by the code name [redacted]. During 1945 he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "unclassified" to "top secret." In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York, New York, as a "commissioned representative," he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. His whereabouts since that period are unknown. Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that Koval is a native born United States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932 with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia, or outside the United States, from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an Electrical Engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at the City College of New York in 1948.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

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Rebulet to NY 3/24/55, captioned "LOUIS GIBARTI; IS-R," which signified the Bureau desired that immediate steps be taken to correct the previous characterization of LOUIS GIBARTI in all reports and letters prepared in the past. Rebulet directed that in all instances information furnished by GIBARTI should be attributed to GIBARTI by name. He should be characterized as "an alleged former Comintern representative whose credibility is not known since he has in the past furnished both reliable and unreliable information." Rebulet additionally instructed that the characterization be inserted on all copies of the communication in ink, noting the date of change and the initials of the person making the change.

In accordance with the above, the following communication has been changed in the NYO to properly attribute the information to GIBARTI by name and characterization:

(Rpt., Letter, Airtel, Etc.)	(Date)	(Agent's Name)	(Place Where Made)	(Page Nos.)	(T-Symbol)
Report	10/28/54	SA HARRY E. HINDERLITER	New York	Paragraphs 1,2,3 Pg. 13	T-8

Where this communication was a report, the information corresponding to the T-symbol number for GIBARTI on the informant page has been marked "Deleted."

It is requested that the Bureau and all interested offices who received copies of the communication make changes on all copies in their possession.

It is to be noted that copies of this communication were disseminated locally to the following NY agencies: None

These agencies have been advised by separate letter of GIBARTI'S new characterization and they have been advised that they may desire to change their copy of the communication accordingly.

It is noted that a copy of the above communication was disseminated locally to None. It is requested that the Office notify this agency in writing, making reference to the communication which has been changed, that GIBARTI'S credibility cannot be evaluated since he is known to have furnished both reliable and unreliable information and the agency may desire to change the copy of the communication in its possession accordingly.

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cc - Omaha (65-609) (RM)
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Washington Field Office
Room 506, Old Post Office Building
June 7, 1955

65-6901

Mr. A. C. Devaney
Assistant Commissioner
Inspections and Examinations Division
Immigration and Naturalization Service
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Control Section

Re: GEORGE KOVAL

Dear Sir:

It is requested a lookout notice be placed
in the name of the titled individual who is described as:

Born 12/25/13, Sioux City, Iowa
Height 5'11" - 6'
Weight 170 lbs.
Eyes Brown
Hair Brown
Residence 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York
Nationality American (in 1948)
Alien Reg. #

Should information come to your attention
indicating that this individual has returned to the United
States, it is desired that the nearest office of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation be immediately notified and at the
same time informed that this individual is of particular
interest to the New York Office of the Federal Bureau
of Investigation.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

NAL:vaf
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1 - WFO 66-1922

① - New York (RM) (When this lookout L. LAUGHLIN
notice has served its purpose, Special Agent in Charge
it should be withdrawn by your office directly by letter to INS.
No stop notice card is maintained in the files of WFO.)

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REPORT MADE AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE JUN 2 1955	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-31; 6-2, 3-55	REPORT MADE BY SE WILLIAM F. HOOD pas
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject served in U.S. Army from 2-4-43 to 2-12-46. Received honorable discharge. Inactive ERC service 2-4-43 to 2-11-43. Background and descriptive data set out.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review on June 3, 1955 of the Army service record on file at the Adjutant General's Office, Military Personnel Records Center, World War II Unit, Department of the Army, for GEORGE KOVAL, Army Serial No. 32790994, indicates that he was inducted into the U.S. Army on February 4, 1943 and entered on active duty on February 11, 1943 at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He was honorably discharged on February 12, 1946 as a Technician 3rd Grade from the Separation Center at Camp Atterbury, Indiana by reason of demobilization. He served in the Enlisted Reserve Corps, inactive status, February 4, 1943 to February 11, 1943. No additional reserve service indicated. He served no time in foreign service. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal and American Theater Service Ribbon. His character and efficiency rating ranged from unknown to excellent. There is no record of courts-martial or absence without leave.

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The following background and descriptive information is contained in the record:

Date & Place of Birth	December 25, 1913, Sioux City, Iowa.
Height	5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	170 lbs.
Race	White
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Brunet
Build	Medium
Education	Attended City College of New York, New York, New York under the Army Specialized Training Program (1943-44)
Civilian Occupation	Counterman in an electrical supply house
Military Occupation	Engineering Aide
Addresses	3470 Cannon Place, Bronx, New York (1943) 3451 Giles Place, Bronx, New York (1943-47) Friend - TILLIE SILVER, 3451 Giles Place, Bronx, New York Electrical Supply Distributor (1942-43) 126 at Bronx, New York 1292A 052-18-0975 G-12444.012
Relatives	
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Miscellaneous	No photograph of subject was contained in the file.

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REFERENCE: New York letter to Bureau dated 5-27-55.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

June 9, 1955

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

TO: ALL COLLECTORS OF CUSTOMS
SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, is interested in GEORGE KOVAL, an American citizen who may attempt to enter the United States. He is described as follows:

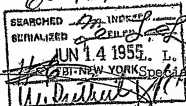
Born: 12/25/13, Sioux City Iowa
Race: White
Sex: Male
Height: 5'11" to 6'
Weight: 170 lbs.
Build: Medium
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
Complexion: Medium dark
Occupation: Electrical Engineer
Marital status: Single
U. S. Army serial number: 32790994
Social Security number: 052-18-0975

KOVAL was issued passport number 170092 on March 15, 1948 at Washington, D. C. His itinerary was Paris, France and other European countries as representative of Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, New York. He departed the United States October 6, 1948 for LeHavre, France and there is no indication of his re-entry. His last known United States address was 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York.

In the event this individual attempts to enter the United States at a port in your district, it would be appreciated if you would notify by telephone, collect if necessary, the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and at the same time advise that office that the New York Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is particularly interested in KOVAL.

KOVAL should not be unduly detained or otherwise made aware that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is interested in him.

Very truly yours,



L. LAUGHLIN
Special Agent in Charge

New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (65-16756)

DATE: June 13, 1955

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FROM : Director, FBI (65-62911)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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Reurlet 5-27-55.

Bufiles are being reviewed on individuals listed on page 6 of referenced memorandum. You will be advised as to pertinent results.

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~~SECRET~~ - AIR COURIER

Date: June 13, 1955
To: Legal Attache
Paris, France
From: Director, FBI
Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Transmitted herewith is a copy of New York memorandum of May 27, 1955, in which (pages 5-6) the Bureau is requested to consider the advisability of certain investigation in France. It is suggested that you arrange for a check to be made of pertinent government records which might contain information concerning the subject's arrival at Le Havre, France, aboard the SS "America" and his specific destination. It is also suggested that through established official contacts you make every effort to develop any and all information concerning the subject, his activities, and contacts in France, possible departure therefrom and present whereabouts.

In the absence of specific indication that Louis Gibarti is in possession of pertinent information concerning George Koval, it is not believed that he should be contacted in this matter.

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cc - 1 - New York (65-16756)(Info)



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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject's father, ABRAM KOVAL, issued Passport No. 499861 on 5-14-32 for return to Russia, England, and Poland to work. Passport included KOVAL's wife and three sons, ISAAH, GEORGE, and GABRIEL. Subject's father naturalized 9-8-19, at Sioux City, Iowa. Records of T-1 contain no information relating to subject and members of his family. No record located for subject at Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, were reviewed on April 15, 1955, and reflected that the subject's father, ABRAM BERKO KOVAL, was issued Passport Number 499861 on May 14, 1932. This passport was issued for travel to England, Poland, and Russia for the purpose of employment and included ABRAM BERKO KOVAL, ETHEL KOVAL, his wife, and three sons, ISAAH, GEORGE, and GABRIEL. The file revealed that ABRAM KOVAL was born on January 3, 1883, at Pinsk, Russia, and entered the United States in 1910, and had resided in Sioux City, Iowa, from 1910 to 1932. His wife, ETHEL KOVAL, was born on August 10, 1891, at Pinsk, Russia. ABRAM listed his children as ISAAH, born on November 22, 1912; GEORGE, born December 25, 1913; and GABRIEL, born January 25, 1919; all at Sioux City, Iowa. ABRAM KOVAL's address in

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1932 was listed as 619½ Virginia Avenue, Sioux City, Iowa. He indicated in his passport application that he intended to depart from the United States on approximately June 1, 1932. Identifying witness on the passport application was GOLDIE GURSHTEL, 2028 Jones Street, no town or state indicated. ABRAM KOVAL applied for instant passport at the United States District Court, Sioux City, Iowa, on May 13, 1932. ABRAM KOVAL was described in his passport application as follows: 49 in 1932; 5 feet 9 inches tall; dark brown hair, graying; brown eyes; occupation, carpenter.

The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, contain no information relating to the return to the United States of the subject or any of the members of his immediate family.

On April 28, 1955, Special Employee PAUL G. MITCHELL reviewed the naturalization file on the subject's father, ABRAM B. KOVAL, at the Central Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The file reflected that ABRAM B. KOVAL was born on January 3, 1883, at Pinsk, Russia, and was naturalized on September 8, 1919, at the United States District Court, Woodbury County, Sioux City, Iowa. KOVAL's address was listed as 1013 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa. INS records revealed that KOVAL was married to ETHEL KOVAL, who was born on August 16, 1890, and that he arrived in the United States on April 28, 1910, at Galveston, Texas. His family included ISIAH, born July 22, 1912; GEORGE, born December 25, 1914; and GABRIEL, born January 25, 1919; all in the state of Iowa, city not indicated. ABRAM KOVAL's INS file contained no information of a derogatory nature, and there was no evidence of loss of citizenship.

The files of T-1, another government agency that conducts personnel and security-type investigations, reviewed on April 8, 1955, contained no information relating to the subject or any of the members of his immediate family.

On May 12, 1955, Special Employee PAUL G. MITCHELL caused a search to be made of INS records at the Central Office and no identifiable record was located for the subject.

ENCLOSURES: TO THE BUREAU, NEW YORK, AND OMAHA:

Two passport photographs of subject taken in 1948,
Two passport photographs of ABRAM, ETHEL, ISIAH,
GEORGE, and GABRIEL KOVAL taken as a family group
in May, 1932.

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Number where Located</u>
T-1 Office of Security, Department of State	Record check 4-8-55, negative	4-8-55	SA ROBERT J. McKENNA	Instant file

Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed and a T-symbol was utilized only in that instance where the identity of the source must be concealed.

LEADSOMAHA DIVISION: (INFORMATION)

One copy of instant report is being furnished the Omaha Division for information inasmuch as additional investigation is pending in that office.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. Will place nation-wide lookout and stop notices with Central Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service and Customs for subject.
2. Will recheck subject's passport file for any information indicating residence outside the United States subsequent to 1932 or 1933 and establish any violation FAG Statute or grounds for loss of citizenship.
3. Will contact [REDACTED] regarding subject.

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REFERENCES

Omaha report dated March 23, 1955, and Bulet to WFO dated April 11, 1955.
New York letter dated May 27, 1955.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

June 24, 1955

SAC, NEW HAVEN (65-1717)

GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R
Origin: New York

Re New York letter to Bureau 5/27/55 requesting that
ELIZABETH BENTLEY be contacted regarding the subject.

On 6/21/55 Miss ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, a self-admitted
former Soviet espionage agent, orally advised Special
Agent SALVATORE F. DUCIBELLA that the March, 1948 pass-
port photograph of GEORGE KOVAL was completely unfamiliar
to her and that she was also unfamiliar with the description
and background of KOVAL set forth in referenced letter.
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cc: (2) New York (65-16756)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 6/29/55	REPORT MADE BY WALTER C. GUTHEIL
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HERBERT J. SANDBERG, former acquaintance of subject, recontacted and advised subject's whereabouts remain unknown to him. Has not heard from KOVAL since receipt of postcard from Paris, France, during 1948. Believes subject's evasive tactics regarding his employment abroad during 1948 suggestive that KOVAL engaged in "clandestine activity." Parents of subject's girl friend, JEAN FINKLESTEIN, possibly residing 1285 Morris Avenue, Bronx, NY. JOHN BOZEMAN, assigned to subject's Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) class, College of the City of New York (CCNY), 1943-1944, advised has not heard from subject since 1946. Has no information regarding subject's present employment or whereabouts. Subject friendly with ASTP students, CCNY, named ARNOLD KRAMISH, FRED VREELAND and (FNU) FISHER. ARNOLD KRAMISH believed presently working for AEC, place unknown; FRED VREELAND and (FNU) FISHER are believed to be working at AEC, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Described KOVAL as loyal citizen about whom he has no knowledge of derogatory information. IRVING WEISMAN, assigned to ASTP, CCNY, 1943 through 1944 and acquainted with subject 1946-1948, advised subject made pro-Russian statements but did not impress as being a Communist. Subject indicated BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, Owner, Raven Electric Company (REC), NYC, as "only true friend." Based upon subject's evasive tactics regarding

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his foreign employment and his failure to contact friends, subsequent to 1948, WEISMAN believes subject may be involved in "irregular activity." Information furnished by T-5 reflects BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, President, REC, requested subject's Selective Service deferment for occupational reasons during 1942. WILLIAM A. ROSE described by T-5 as Engineering Consultant at REC. JERRY CLAPP, North Plainfield, New Jersey, and LEON TAMARIN, Brooklyn, NY, described by T-5 as potential successors to subject's position with REC.

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DETAILS:

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY HERBERT J. SANDBERG

HERBERT J. SANDBERG, Apartment 8F, 451 East 14th Street, New York City, was recontacted by SAs WALTER C. GUTHIEL and DANIEL A. FLYNN on May 18, 1955, and advised the following:

He has no knowledge regarding the present whereabouts of the subject. His last communication from the subject was a postcard from Paris, France, postmarked during the Fall of 1948. This postcard, which has been destroyed, neither reflected a return address, nor information pertinent to the subject's activities or employment.

KOVAL possibly has been employed in the construction of an electrical power plant in Poland, which assumption is based upon KOVAL's statements made prior to his departure from the United States concerning his anticipated employment abroad. The circumstances leading to the subject's employment abroad are unknown. In retrospect, the fact that KOVAL was vague and evasive concerning his departure from

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the United States during 1948 suggests the possibility he may have been engaged in some type of "blatant activity".

The whereabouts of JEAN FINKLESTEIN is presently unknown, but it is believed that her parents may presently be residing at 1285 Morris Avenue, Bronx, New York.

IRVING WEISMAN, whose address was previously indicated as 965 Bruckner Boulevard, Bronx, New York, is residing at 2811 Exterior Street, New York 63, New York. WEISMAN is employed at a research laboratory sponsored by the University of Columbia located at Dobbs Ferry, New York.

SEYMOUR D. USLAN and RONALD ACKERMAN were described as members of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), College of the City of New York (CCNY) from 1943 to June, 1944. USLAN and ACKERMAN are recalled as "close acquaintances" of the subject during his ASTP assignment at CCNY during 1943-1944. It is believed that both USLAN and ACKERMAN should be in a position to furnish detailed information regarding the subject's activities at CCNY during the period of his assignment with the ASTP.

Regarding JEAN FINKLESTEIN, mentioned above, it is noted that when SANDBERG was originally interviewed by SA H. E. HINDERLITER on February 23, 1955, he advised that the subject had been dating her just prior to his departure from the United States in 1948.

During the occasion of his interview on February 23, 1955, SANDBERG also advised SA HINDERLITER that IRVING WEISMAN, 965 Bruckner Boulevard, Bronx, New York, is a former acquaintance of the subject and knew the subject at CCNY during the period 1943-1944 and 1946-1948.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY JOHN W. BOZEMAN

HERBERT J. SANDBERG advised SA H. E. HINDERLITER on February 23, 1955, that JOHN W. BOZEMAN, 32 Henhawk Road, Baldwin, New York, was a member of the subject's ASTP class at CCNY and might be in a position to furnish pertinent information regarding KOVAL's former associates and past activities.

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On May 4, 1955, JOHN W. BOZEMAN was interviewed at his place of employment, Republic Aviation, Guided Missile Division, Hicksville, New York, by SA JOHN V. GRIFFIN and advised the following:

He was in the subject's ASTP class at CCNY from September, 1943 to September, 1944. After the completion of the course, he believed the subject was assigned to Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He met him after World War II in 1946 when the subject returned to CCNY for the completion of his education. At that time the subject was working for some X-ray laboratory and attending CCNY. He has not heard from the subject since 1946 and does not know where he is at this time or where he was employed after 1946.

While at CCNY, the subject was a brilliant student, and it is believed by BOZEMAN that Professor HAROLD WOLF, CCNY, would remember KOVAL. The subject was friendly with students at CCNY named ARNOLD KRAMISH, FRED VREELAND and (FNU) FISHER. KRAMISH is presently working for the Atomic Energy Commission, location unknown, and VREELAND and FISHER are working for the Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Based upon his association with the subject, BOZEMAN is of the opinion that KOVAL was a loyal American citizen concerning whom he cannot recall derogatory information.

The indices of the New York Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, on May 9, 1955, reflected no derogatory information that could be determined identifiable with ARNOLD KRAMISH, FRED VREELAND and Professor HAROLD WOLF on the basis of background information presently known for those individuals.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY IRVING WEISMAN

IRVING WEISMAN was contacted at his place of employment, Hudson Laboratories, Columbia University, Dobbs Ferry, New York, by SAs WALTER C. GUTHEIL and WILLIAM D. DONOHUE on May 25, 1955, and advised the following:

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He met the subject at CCNY during the Fall of 1943 while he and the latter were members of the ASTP and was in contact with KOVAL until June, 1944, at which time the subject was assigned to the Atomic Energy installation at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. After World War II, he renewed his acquaintance with KOVAL when the latter returned to CCNY in the Fall of 1946 to complete his studies for a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree. He was in contact with KOVAL from 1946 through the Fall of 1948, at which time the subject departed the United States in conjunction with employment recalled to be connected with an "electrical power development in Poland."

His contact with KOVAL during the latter's United States Army service as a member of the ASTP, CCNY, was restricted to a "fellow-student" relationship during which time he cannot recall any activity, statement, or association by the subject which would have suggested his involvement in subversive activity. He has no reason to believe that KOVAL's assignment at the Atomic Energy installation, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during 1944 was the result of a preconceived plan by KOVAL citing as fact that assignments thereto of members of KOVAL's ASTP class were unknown by the trainees involved, and also were afforded top security regulations by the United States Army.

He has no specific knowledge regarding KOVAL's duties at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, but based upon statements made by the subject, it appears as though his duties consisted of electrical research work. He is unable to relate whether or not KOVAL had access to classified data or material while at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

During the period 1946-1948, KOVAL's activities are best described as typical of a "veteran attending college under the provisions of the GI Bill of Rights." KOVAL was an excellent student of electrical engineering, and also was exceptionally active in fraternal affairs at CCNY. He apparently relied entirely on his "GI benefits" for his support, and consequently confined his entire activity to school work and related social events.

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During this period KOVAL did make statements reflecting pro-Soviet sympathies but did not give the impression of being a Communist or a political fanatic. As an example, KOVAL, upon being questioned concerning a disputable issue involving the governments or foreign policy of Russia and the United States, without exception would attempt to logically set forth a favorable position for Russia. He did not enter into these discussions unless specifically questioned concerning a pertinent issue.

The only information recalled regarding KOVAL's early background is that he was born in Sioux City, Iowa, and, according to his statements, was orphaned during his early childhood. KOVAL never indicated that he had resided outside the United States at any time.

KOVAL's closest friend was in all probability BENJAMIN W. LASSEN who owned the Raven Electric Company (REC) in New York City where KOVAL was employed for several years prior to his Army service. KOVAL remarked that he had visited LASSEN's residence on many occasions, and also described LASSEN as his "only true friend."

The only significant information recalled concerning LASSEN is that he was extremely friendly with a professor of electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who was instrumental in securing LASSEN's son, SEYMOUR, part time employment with the General Electric Company subsequent to World War II. The professor is recalled as being of Russian derivation and was mentioned by KOVAL on several occasions as being a close acquaintance of LASSEN. It is also recalled that both BENJAMIN LASSEN and his son, SEYMOUR, were graduates of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Subsequent to being awarded his electrical engineering degree at CUNY during 1948, KOVAL stated that he had obtained employment in connection with the construction of an electrical power plant in Poland. He was extremely evasive as to how he obtained this employment and the length of time he expected to remain abroad in conjunction with it. With the exception of sending a postcard to several of his friends in New York City during the Fall of 1948,

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KOVAL has not contacted any of his friends or associates in the United States since leaving for Poland. On the basis of his unknown employment in Poland and in consideration of his apparent pro-Russian thinking, it is highly probable that KOVAL is engaged, or has been engaged, in "irregular activity" which might possibly include subversive acts against the United States.

WEISMAN described the following individuals as being in a position to possibly furnish information pertinent to KOVAL's past activities.

GAROLD CURL, last known to be residing at 5453 Hazelton Avenue, Culver City, California, was stationed with the subject at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and possibly might recall information regarding KOVAL's activities thereat.

LEON SELDIN, Electrical Engineering Instructor, CCNY, 1947-1948, whose present employment and residence address are unknown, was closely acquainted with KOVAL during the period 1946-1948.

WILLIAM FADE, believed to be presently employed at CCNY as a Laboratory Technician, was acquainted with KOVAL just prior to the latter's departure from the United States during the Fall of 1948.

The indices of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as reviewed on May 9, 1955, reflected no derogatory information for GAROLD CURL, LEON SELDIN or WILLIAM FADE.

BENJAMIN W. LASSEN

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 26, 1949, that BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, also known as BENJAMIN W. LASSOFF, organized and was elected President and Treasurer of the Raven Electric Company, Incorporated, New York, New York.

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The informant believed that BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, Owner of the REC, New York City, must have been a courier for Soviet espionage activities, pointing out that the latter's extensive travel abroad, and other known activities, coincided with the operational characteristics of the Jonas Group, one of two Soviet espionage rings which operated in Poland during the middle 1930's.

(S) The informant was also of the opinion that LASSEN is identical with the unknown Soviet agent [redacted]

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T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information on May 9, 1955:

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On January 2, 1941, the subject indicated his residence to be 3470 Cannon Place, Apartment I-42, Bronx, New York, in care of ABRAHAM SILVER.

On March 14, 1941, KOVAL advised T-5 that he was employed with the REC, 11 West 25th Street, New York City, as a "Counterman".

On February 25, 1942 BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, President, REC, directed an affidavit to Local Board 126, Selective Service System, Bronx, New York, requesting an occupational deferment of KOVAL's induction into United States military service. In this request, LASSEN described KOVAL as the manager of the REC, and as the company's "key man". LASSEN wrote that the REC was engaged in the electrical supply and equipment business, and was a distributor for the General Electric Company. LASSEN noted that the REC had contractual agreements with the United States Government for the Army and Navy which included orders for "Bennett Field" and the "New Foundland Base, Incorporated".

On June 22, 1942, BENJAMIN W. LASSEN directed a letter to Local Board 126, Selective Service System, Bronx, New York, which reflected the following pertinent information:

It was noted that every effort was being made to train a replacement for GEORGE KOVAL. LEON TAMARIN, 2126 Benson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and JERRY CLAPP, 105 Myrtle Avenue, North Plainfield, New Jersey, were described by LASSEN as possible successors to KOVAL's position at REC.

On July 20, 1942, WILLIAM A. ROSE, Contractual Electrical Engineer Consultant with the REC, appeared at Local Board 126 to request an extension of KOVAL's Selective Service deferment for occupational reasons. ROSE displayed a Coast Guard Card with Serial #712441 issued by the Port of New York to identify himself.

WILLIAM A. ROSE

The books and records of the REC in the possession of the David Strauss Company Auctioneers, 50 West 29th

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Street, New York City, as reviewed by SA JOHN L. FAGAN during March, 1952, reflected a 1940 Manufacturers Trust Company check book for the REC. The following appeared on the check book stubs:

Stub #1058 dated August 18, 1942, \$50 to W. A. ROSE for travel expense.

Stub #1248 dated December 5, 1942, \$75 cash to W. A. ROSE for expenses to Knoxville, Tennessee.

Stub #1436 dated February 27, 1943, \$85 to W. A. ROSE for travel to Washington and Knoxville, Tennessee.

The Loans and Exchanges Account for the REC covering the period January 1, 1949, to February 8, 1951, was checked on March 21, 1952, by SA LOUIS H. WOIWODE at the office of SIDNEY ROTHSTEIN at 140 Nassau Street, New York City. Included in the records for that account was the following notation:

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On May 25, 1945, LASSEN wrote to W. A. ROSE, 71 Ridge Road, Rutherford, New Jersey, regarding the sale of Mexican twine.

The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN R. LYONS at Rutherford, New Jersey, during May, 1952:

Lieutenant PERCY GARVAN, Rutherford Police Department; advised he did not know anyone on Ridge Road, Rutherford, by the name of ROSE. He advised that there was no information on this name in the Rutherford Police Department records.

The Tax Collector's records maintained at Rutherford City Hall reflected HERBERT and EDITH STURMAN as the registered owner of the property at 71 Ridge Road, Rutherford, New Jersey. Neighborhood investigation conducted at 80 Ridge Road, 79 Ridge Road, 63 Ridge Road, Rutherford, New Jersey, reflected that WILLIAM A. ROSE was unknown to the residents at those addresses.

The Passaic and Bergen County Credit Bureau, Paterson, New Jersey, records were checked by SE ALLEN J. KRUSE during May, 1952, and reflected no record for a WILLIAM A. ROSE on Ridge Road in Rutherford, New Jersey.

LEON TAMARIN

T-6, another government agency which conducts intelligence investigations, advised during 1944 that LEON TAMARIN, 2101 80th Street, Brooklyn, New York, signed an Independent Nominating Petition of the Communist Party (CP) on August 20, 1940, and on January 31, 1942. He also signed a CP petition while residing at 2126 Benson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The informant advised that TAMARIN acknowledged signing the CP petitions and admitted attending CP meetings from 1935 to 1939 and contributing small sums to the CP from 1935 to 1938, although he denied that he was ever a member of the CP.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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REGARDING THE SUBJECT'S DEPARTURE
FROM THE UNITED STATES IN 1948

The Departure Manifest records for the year 1948 of the "SS America" as maintained by the Immigration and Naturalization Service at 641 Washington Street, New York City, were reviewed on May 9, 1955, and reflected the following:

GEORGE KOVAL, age 34, born Sioux City, Iowa, departed the United States at New York City on October 6, 1948, as a "cabin-class passenger" aboard the "SS America." KOVAL indicated his residence as 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York, and his destination as Le Havre, France. He also indicated that he would remain abroad for a period of six months.

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

MISCELLANEOUS

For the information of the Boston and Newark Divisions, which offices have not received a prior communication concerning this case, the following brief summary is noted:

Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942 he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, New York, New York, owned by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, a prime suspect for the unknown Soviet agent known by the

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[REDACTED] During 1945 he was employed in the Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "unclassified" to "top secret." In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "commissioned representative," he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On 10/6/48, he departed the United States aboard the "SS America" destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts since that period are unknown. Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born United States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932 with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia, or outside the United States, from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an Electrical Engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at the College of the City of New York.

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BOSTON

At Boston, Massachusetts

1. Will, through available sources, check faculty records for the period 1945 to present at Massachusetts Institute of Technology regarding identifying data of professors of electrical engineering who have surname of Slavic or Russian derivation.

2. Will review office indices for any information concerning individuals identified as a result of the above-requested investigation.

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LOS ANGELES

At Culver City, California

1. Will attempt to locate GAROLD CURL whose last known address was at 5453 Hazelton Avenue.

2. If successful in locating CURL, and in absence of derogatory information, will interview him regarding any information recalled concerning the subject. Particular emphasis should be given to subject's activities at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

NEWARK

At North Plainfield, New Jersey

1. Will attempt to identify JERRY CLAPP who reportedly resided at 105 Myrtle Avenue during 1942.

2. Will report all pertinent information available regarding CLAPP.

At Newark, New Jersey

Will review office indices for any information concerning WILLIAM A. ROSE reported to have resided at 71 Ridge Road, Rutherford, New Jersey, on May 25, 1945.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will conduct the following investigation at GCNY through utilization of available confidential sources of information:

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a) Review available records regarding subject's ASTP class in attendance at CCNY during 1943-1944 in an attempt to ascertain the identities of all members of that group.

b) Will review above ASTP records for background data of assistance in locating SEYMOUR D. USLAN and RONALD ACKERMAN reportedly former close acquaintances of subject during his ASTP assignment at CCNY.

c) Will attempt to ascertain the identities of subject's instructors at CCNY and consider advisability of interviewing these individuals.

d) Will ascertain if WILLIAM FADE is presently a faculty member at CCNY, and if so will interview him regarding his knowledge of subject's activities.

e) Will review faculty records for background data of assistance in locating LEON SELDIN, former electrical engineer instructor at CCNY, and formerly acquainted with subject during period 1946-1948.

f) Will review ASTP records for available identifying data re ARNOLD KRAMISH, FRED VREELAND, and (FNU) FISHER, prior to requesting Bureau to contact the AEC concerning employment of those individuals.

2. Will, through appropriate sources, attempt to develop identifying data regarding ABRAHAM "ILVER" from whom subject sublet an apartment at 3470 Cannon Place, Bronx, during January, 1941.

3. Will, through appropriate liaison, attempt to identify WILLIAM A. ROSE, Consultant Engineer, REC, 1942, by check of his Coast Guard Serial #712441 issued to him at Port of New York.

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4. Will, at the United States Lines, 1 Broadway, obtain all available data regarding subject's travel aboard the "SS America" to Le Havre, France, on October 6, 1948.

5. Will contact appropriate informants concerning subject.

6. Will attempt to locate LEON TAMARIN, former employee of REC, about whom information has been reported in connection with an investigation at New York entitled "LEON TAMARIN; SM-C."

7. Will attempt to locate the whereabouts of JEAN FINKLESTEIN, the subject's girl friend during 1948, by contacting her parents who reportedly reside at 1285 Morris Avenue, Bronx, New York.

KNOXVILLE and WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report has been designated for the Knoxville and Washington Field Offices, inasmuch as those offices are presently conducting investigation regarding instant case.

REFERENCE: Report of SA H. E. HINDERLITER, 3/30/55, NY.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

DATE: 5/4/55

FROM : SA JOHN V. GRIFFIN - MINEOLA

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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Re report of SA H.E. Hinderliter 3/30/55 at NY.

John W. Bozeman was contacted at his place of employment Republic Aviation Guided Missile Division, Hicksville, NY on 5/4/55.

He advised that he was in the subjects Specialized Army Training Class at CCNY from Sept 1943 to Sept 1944. He advised that after the completion of the course he believed the subject was sent to Oak Ridge. He met him after the war in 1946 when the subject returned to CCNY for the completion of his education. At that time the subject was working for some X-Ray Lab and going to CCNY and he was living some place in the Bronx. Mr. Bozeman advised that he has not heard from the subject since about 1946 and does not know where he is at this time or where he was employed after 1946.

Mr. Bozeman advised that while at CCNY the subject was a brilliant student and he believed that Prof. Harold Wolf of CCNY would remember him. Mr. Bozeman advised further that while attending CCNY the subject was friendly with a student by the name of Bloom and also Arnold Kramish, Fred Vreeland and a student by the name of Fisher. Mr. Bozeman believes that Kramish is working for the Atomic Energy Commission, place not known and Vreeland and Fisher are working for the at present at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

From his association with the subject Mr. Bozeman believes that Koval was a loyal American citizen, he never knew of any derogatory information about him.

Bozeman advised further that he is moving to California in about two weeks. His address will be in care of Howard Hughes Research and Development Ground Fire Control, Culver City, Cal.

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ReBulet to New York dated 4/7/55.

Enclosed herewith are two photographs of subject KOVAL which are the official high school graduation pictures that appeared in the 1929 issue of the "Maroon and White" yearbook issued by Central High School, Sioux City, Iowa; two photographs of subject KOVAL which were taken from a group photograph appearing in the 1929 issue of the "Maroon and White" yearbook; and two photographs of subject KOVAL which were obtained at the Registrar's Office of the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, which photograph is dated September 19, 1929. No other photographs of subject are available at either Central High School, Sioux City, Iowa, or at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

Also enclosed herewith are two photographs of ISAIAH KOVAL, brother of subject GEORGE KOVAL, which photograph is the official graduation photograph appearing in the 1929 issue of the "Maroon and White" yearbook issued by Central High School, Sioux City, Iowa.

No other photographs of relatives of the subject are available.

Copies of the above-listed photographs are being forwarded to the New York, Los Angeles, and Washington Field Offices; however, the photograph of subject GEORGE KOVAL taken at the University of Iowa is not being furnished the New York Office at this time inasmuch as that office has previously been furnished a copy of this photograph.

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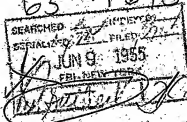
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT KNOXVILLE	DATE WHEN MADE 7/15/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/7,8,12/55	REPORT MADE BY HENRY A. QUINN, Jr. - mlc								
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<p>EXEMPTED FROM AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY DERIVED FROM: FBI AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION GUIDE EXEMPTION CODE 25X(1) DATE 11-22-2010</p>											
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>L. P. RIORDAN, Superintendent, Laboratory Protection Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, advised subject was fingerprinted as mathematician on 8/15/44 and worked in Health Physics Department at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. RIORDAN stated subject probably had access to classified information including "secret". Former supervisor and some former members of Special Engineers Detachment at Oak Ridge National Laboratory stated they recognize photograph of subject as individual who was assigned to a survey team in the Health Physics Department at ORNL, and stated subject probably had access to information classified as "secret". All stated they had had no contact with subject since 1945 or 1946. All stated they had no information of subject's activities at Oak Ridge away from the ORNL. Background information set forth.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- R U C -</p> <p><i>Index 1,2,3,4</i></p> <p>DETAILS: AT OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:</p> <p>On 7/7/55 Miss PAT WHELEHAN, Security Files Section, Security Division, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, advised that subject's Manhattan Engineering District security file was sent to Washington Atomic Energy Commission Security Office on 11/22/54.</p> <p>On 7/8/55 Miss WHELEHAN advised that <u>ARNOLD KRAMISH</u> was assigned to the Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. She stated she was unable to locate any record of <u>FRED VREELAND</u> and was unable to identify any person in her files who was in the Special Engineers Detachment at Oak Ridge by the name of FISHER.</p>											
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Mr. L. P. RIORDAN, Superintendent, Laboratory Protection Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, advised on 7/8/55 that GEORGE KOVAL was fingerprinted by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory as a mathematician on 8/15/44 and worked in the Health Physics Department at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He stated that his records were not complete and he had no further information concerning GEORGE KOVAL, but assumed from his knowledge of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory operations during the early days of the World War II that GEORGE KOVAL was one of the group of military personnel who were assigned under the Special Engineers Detachment of the U. S. Army at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory for work. He stated that no detailed information was kept on these personnel as their records were maintained by the U. S. Army.

Mr. RIORDAN stated that JOE CHEKA and Dr. KARL Z. MORGAN were presently in the Health Physics Department of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and might possibly recall subject. Mr. RIORDAN stated from his knowledge of the operation, that the S.E.D. personnel working in the Health Physics Department had access to a considerable amount of classified information which was classified up to, and including, "secret". He stated that mainly this information would deal with Health Physics problems and would not likely concern production figures or other problems which now would carry a high classification.

On 7/8/55 JOSEPH SANDOR CHEKA, Physicist, Health Physics Department, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, advised upon viewing photograph of subject that he recalled KOVAL as being in the Special Engineers Detachment at Oak Ridge and working in the Health Physics Department. Mr. CHEKA stated that he was also in the Special Engineers Detachment but did not know subject very well. He stated that to the best of his memory the subject was probably in a survey group at the laboratory and with this assignment would probably have had access to information which was highly classified at that time. He stated that if subject was working with mathematical problems he would also have had access to highly classified information. He stated subject may have had access to information concerning plutonium as considerable work was done on plutonium at the time the S.E.D. personnel was working at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Mr. CHEKA advised that Mr. ROBERT COVEYOU, a mathematician at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, may have known the subject if he was working as a mathematician. He stated COVEYOU is on vacation and would not return to Oak Ridge for several weeks.

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Mr. CHEKA advised that the Commanding Officer of the S.E.D. personnel at Oak Ridge was a Captain BARGER, whose full name CHEKA did not recall, and whose present whereabouts is unknown to him.

Mr. CHEKA advised he did not recall subject's association in the S.E.D., but did recall that the following personnel were assigned at the Health Physics Group during 1944 and 1945:

WILLIAM RAY, present whereabouts unknown
RALPH FIRMINGHAG, present whereabouts unknown
RALPH A. FARABEE, presently located Oak Ridge
 National Laboratory
URPO KOSKELA, presently located Oak Ridge
 National Laboratory
JOE SAVOLAINEN, presently located Oak Ridge
 National Laboratory

On 7/8/55 URPO KOSKELA, supervisor, Analytical Chemistry Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, advised he was in the S.E.D. at Oak Ridge from February 1944 to January 1946 when he was discharged. He stated upon viewing the photograph of the subject that he did not know GEORGE KOVAL. Mr. KOSKELA advised that DONALD J. RENDELL, 1917 West Estes Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was formerly assigned in the S.E.D. group working in the Health Physics Department at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory during 1944 and 1945. He stated RENDELL may recall the subject.

On 7/8/55 Mr. LAWRENCE BURL FARABEE, Associate Chemist, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, advised he was a member of the S.E.D. in 1944. He stated he recalled subject as being in the Health Physics group at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He stated that at the time he was assigned to the S.E.D. group he was working on the processing of plutonium and that KOVAL was one of the group from the Health Physics Department who surveyed the plutonium laboratory for radiation. He stated that due to this survey group KOVAL may have had access to some information concerning plutonium, but he does not have any exact information regarding his specific information, nor the information to which he was given access. He stated that at the time much of the work in his laboratory was classified as secret.

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Mr. FARABEE advised Dr. K. Z. MORGAN was supervisor of the subject, but he did not recall any close association or any of the activities of the subject. Mr. FARABEE advised a Captain BARGER, initials not recalled, was Commanding Officer of the S.E.D. Sgt. FRANCIS, initials not recalled, was first sergeant of the S.E.D., and a Captain MILLER, initials not recalled, was his recruiting officer for the group.

On 7/8/55 Mr. JOUKO EMIL SAVOLAINEN, Chemist, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, advised he was in the S.E.D. group from June 1944 to February 1946. He stated upon viewing a photograph of the subject he believes he recognizes subject as being a person assigned at the S.E.D. group at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, but does not recall his name nor does he recall anything concerning him.

On 7/8/55 Mr. JACOB ACIBA MARINSKY, Assistant Research Director, Ionics, Inc., 152 Sixth Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, who is on temporary assignment with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory as his company has a subcontract with the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Company, advised he was assigned to the S.E.D. at Oak Ridge from 4/44 to 8/46. He stated upon viewing a photograph of the subject he recalls subject's face, but did not recall his name. He stated he did not recall anything concerning the activities of the subject. He stated subject's direct supervisor, to the best of his memory, was a SEYMOUR BLOCK, who is, to his last knowledge at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, Brookhaven, New York.

On 7/8/55 Dr. KARL ZIEGLER MORGAN, Director, Health Physics Department, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, advised he recalls KOVAL as being in the Health Physics Department during the early days of the laboratory. He stated that KOVAL did mathematical problems in connection with radiation detection and measurement of instruments. He stated KOVAL'S job required access to confidential and secret information and under the Manhattan Engineering District he stated he had access to information during his assignments which would now be classified as less sensitive than "restricted data" at the present time. Dr. MORGAN advised he did not have any knowledge of subject's activities at Oak Ridge away from work and did not have any clear memory of his activities at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

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On 7/8/55 Miss THELMA COLLINS, Declassification Branch, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, advised ARNOLD KRAMISH was no longer employed with the Atomic Energy Commission, but is employed presently as manager of Research Atomic Industry Forum, Inc., 260 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

On 7/8/55 Mrs. MARTHA BAKER, Management Services, Inc., Records Retirement Department, advised she had no record of GEORGE KOBAL in her files. She stated the S.E.D. barracks are now all closed and demolished and there is no record available of the occupants of these barracks.

Mr. WILLIAM T. SERGEANT, Chief, Physical Security Branch, Security Division, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, who also is a Lt. Colonel in the U. S. Army Reserve, advised on 7/12/55 he was assigned to the CIC Branch at Oak Ridge in the early days and had no connection whatsoever with the S.E.D. He stated he did not recall the full name of Captain BARGER or Sgt. FRANCIS, but did recall the recruiting officer for the S.E.D. was Captain WILLIAM P. MILLER, whom he knows to be deceased.

On 7/12/55 Captain ARTIE A. ADDISON, NA, of the Oak Ridge Police Department, advised he was formerly a sergeant in the S.E.D. He stated he did not recall subject. He advised that he obtained the following information from the yearbook of the S.E.D. concerning the officers at the S.E.D. He stated that the Commanding Officer was Captain WILLIAM G. BARGER, whose home address was listed as Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and the First Sergeant's name was RICHARD A. FRANCIS, whose home address was listed as 7614 Vernon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that the recruiting officer for the S.E.D. was a Major WILLIAM P. MILLER, whose address was not listed.

Captain ADDISON advised he had no record in the files of the Oak Ridge Police Department for GEORGE KOVAL.

During the course of another investigation in September 1954 the following background information was obtained from the files of

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the Manhattan Engineering District security file, which was in custody of the Atomic Energy Commission at Oak Ridge, Tennessee:

ASN: 32790994
Address: City College, New York City, N.Y.
Last address: 3470 Cannon Place, Bronx, N.Y.
Born: 12/25/13 at Sioux City, Iowa
Citizenship: U. S.
Sex: Male
Race: White
Height: 6'
Weight: 175
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Marital Status: Single
Father: ABRAHAM KOVAL, Sioux City, Iowa;
born Poland, U. S. citizen
Mother: ETHEL KOVAL, Sioux City, Iowa;
born Poland, U. S. citizen
Brothers: ISIAH KOVAL, Sioux City, Iowa;
born U.S.; American citizen
GABRIEL KOVAL, Sioux City, Iowa;
born U. S.; American citizen
Employment: Raven Electric Company, Inc., 11 W.
25th St., New York City, 1939-43;
Midtown Electric Company, 140 W. 20th
St., New York City, 1937-39;
Square Deal Company, 928 Fourth St.,
Sioux City, Iowa, 1933-36
Organizations: Electrical Union No. 3, AFL, New York
City, membership 3 years
References: Mrs. TILLIE SILVER, 3451 Giles Place,
Bronx, New York, known 4 years
1st Lt. JACOB UITZ (VITZ?), 1001
Engineers APO #26, known 1 yr.
Dr. HANSTEIN, City College, New York
City, known 1 yr.

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The file contained the following additional information:

Employment: Health Physics Department, Development,
Clinton Laboratory

Residence: S.E.D. Barracks, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Previous addresses: 619 Virginia St., Sioux City, 1936
311 W. 72nd St., New York City, 1936-39
3451 Giles Place, Bronx, N.Y., 1939-41
3470 Cannon Place, Bronx, New York,
1941-43

Family data: Father, ABRAHAM BERNARD KOVAL, carpenter,
Jewish, born about 1885, near Pinsk,
Poland, naturalized about 1917 in Sioux
City; became deceased 1933, Sioux City,
Iowa.
Mother, ETHEL KOVAL, housewife, Jewish,
born about 1888 near Pinsk, Poland,
naturalized about 1917 in Sioux City;
became deceased 2/34 in Sioux City, Iowa.

Education: Armstrong School, Sioux City, 1918-25;
Woodrow Wilson Jr. High School, Sioux
City, 1925-26; State University of Iowa,
Iowa City, Iowa, 9/29 to 2/32

Organizations: National Honor Society

Commanding Officer: Captain BARGER, 8/44 to present,
City College, New York; Colonel COOK, 8/43
to 8/44, 1001 Chattanooga Engineers
Battalion. Inducted U. S. Army, NYC,
2/4/43

References: Mrs. T. SILVER, 3451 Giles Place, Bronx,
New York;
ANDREW GRAF, Moncrie and Cref, New York
City;
Lt. JACOB UITZ or VITZ, 1001 Engineering
(C) BN APD #26;
Dr. HARRY HANSTEIN, City College, New York
137 St. Amsterdam Ave., N.Y.;
Dr. HAROLD WOLF, City College, New York,
137 St. Amsterdam Ave., N.Y.

It was noted that this file contains an affidavit dated 6/23/45 certifying that GEORGE KOVAL knew it to be his duty to safeguard classified information which had come to his attention.

The file contained no information indicating the period of time GEORGE KOVAL was employed at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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This report is being marked as "~~secret~~" inasmuch as the referenced New York report was marked ~~secret~~ and this report contains reference to information which at one time was classified as ~~secret~~.

For the information of the Chicago and Pittsburgh Offices, who have not previously received information concerning this investigation the following brief summary is noted:

(S) Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942 he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, New York, New York, owned by [redacted] prime suspect for the unknown Soviet agent known by the [redacted] During 1945 he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "unclassified" to "top secret". In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "commissioned representative", he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On 10/6/48, he departed the United States aboard the "SS America" destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts since that period are unknown. Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born United States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932 with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia, or outside the United States, from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an Electrical Engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at the College of the City of New York.

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CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Will locate and interview DONALD J. RENDELL, 1917 West Estes Avenue, Chicago, a former member of the Special Engineers Detachment at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, who may have known the subject and may be able to furnish some information concerning his activities in Oak Ridge.

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Will interview RICHARD A. FRANCIS, whose last known address was 7614 Vernon Avenue, Chicago. FRANCIS was formerly first sergeant of the S.E.D. at Oak Ridge, and may be able to furnish information concerning the activities of the subject.

NEW YORK DIVISION

AT BROOKHAVEN, NEW YORK:

Will interview SEYMOUR BLOCK, who is reported to be formerly the subject's supervisor at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, whose last known address was Brookhaven National Laboratory.

PITTSBURGH DIVISION

AT SEWICKLEY, PENNSYLVANIA:

Will locate and interview WILLIAM G. BARGER, whose last known address was Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and who formerly was Commanding Officer of the S.E.D. at Oak Ridge and who may be able to furnish information concerning subject's activities at Oak Ridge.

REFERENCE

New York letter to Bureau 5/27/55.
Report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, 6/21/55, New York.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

7/18/55

Honorable Francis W.H. Adams
Police Commissioner
New York City Police Department
240 Centre Street
New York 13, New York

My dear Commissioner:

It is requested that this office be furnished the criminal
record of:

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ABRAHAM SILVER

former: 3470 Cannon Place, Bronx, (1941)

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Sincerely yours,

James J. Kelly
JAMES J. KELLY
Special Agent in Charge

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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (65-16756)

DATE July 20, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI (65-62911)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Re NY memo 5-27-55.

Bureau files reflect that as of June, 1950, Pearl Silver, born in 1902, was a paid-up member of IWO Lodge 141 (California), holding certificate No. 1816. It was indicated that she had joined (entered) in April, 1930. Other than such as has been reported previously in this investigation, Bureau files contain no additional information concerning the Pearl Koval (Gertz) Silver who is of interest in this matter.

Bureau files contain a number of references to individuals by the name of Sam Gertz, or variations thereof, none of which can be identified with the Sam Gertz who is of interest in this matter on the basis of available descriptive data.

Bureau files contain no information identifiable with the Grace Gertz referred to in this matter. According to a report in 1951 from the Office of Naval Intelligence, a Mr. and Mrs. S. Gertz, who had a married daughter, Mrs. [redacted] resided at [redacted] Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The report contained no derogatory information concerning either [redacted] who was described as a sales executive for the National Distillers Corporation.

Bureau files reflect that as of June, 1950, Sarah Begun, born in 1894, was a member of IWO Lodge 141 (California), holding certificate No. 315085. It was indicated that she had joined (entered) in June, 1943. A subsequent record, as of January, 1952, indicated her suspension for delinquency in payment of dues. Other than such as has been reported previously in this investigation, Bureau files contain no additional information concerning the Sarah Koval Begun who is of interest in this matter.

Results of review of Bureau files concerning other individuals listed in New York memorandum of reference will be forwarded upon completion.

cc - 1 - Los Angeles (65-6124) (Information)
cc - 1 - Omaha (65-609) (Information)

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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-20-55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/16, 17, 20, 24, 27, 29, 30; 7/1, 5, 11/55	REPORT MADE BY NORMAN A. LEONARD
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE-R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject's passport file reviewed, and no additional pertinent information noted. No information available indicating subject has lost American citizenship. National Archives records for individuals entering or leaving the Soviet Union during 1932 via Latvia, Finland and Poland contain no information regarding subject or immediate family. Confidential Informants T-1, T-2 and [redacted] were unable to identify photographs of subject or furnish any information relating to him.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

A review of the subject's passport application dated March 15, 1948, at the Passport Office, Department of State, on June 20, 1955, failed to reveal any additional information relating to the subject's background and activities. In executing the passport application, the subject left a blank space in answer to the statement "I have resided in the United States as follows:" The subject also indicated that he had not previously obtained a passport. It will be noted that the subject was included in a passport number 499861 issued to his father, ABRAHAM KOVAL, which was dated May 14, 1932, for travel to Russia. Subject's passport file contained no information indicating passport renewal or use subsequent to 1948.

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Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Assistant Director, Passport Office, Department of State, advised SA KENNETH J. HASER on July 5, 1955, that on the basis of the facts available in the subject's and his father's passport files it does not appear that the subject has lost his American citizenship in the absence of any expatriative acts which may have been committed by him. The mere residence abroad, actual or alleged, by the subject from 1932 to some future date undetermined does not in itself constitute an expatriative act inasmuch as the subject is a native-born citizen.

Miss PATRICIA DOWLING, Archivist, National Archives, was contacted on June 27, 1955, and requested to make available correspondence emanating from the American Legations at Riga, Latvia; Warsaw, Poland; and Helsingfors, Finland; for the year 1932.

On June 30, 1955, bound volumes of correspondence from Riga and Helsingfors were reviewed, and numerous lists of individuals traveling into and away from the Soviet Union during 1932 were checked. None of the lists checked contained the name of the subject GEORGE KOVAL or any of the members of his immediate family.

On July 1, 1955, Miss DOWLING indicated that her search for records from Warsaw for the year 1932 had been unsuccessful and that nothing could be located in the National Archives indices indicating that correspondence covering activities at the American Legation at Warsaw for the year 1932 had been received.

It will be recalled that the subject's father's passport, issued in May 1932, was for travel to England, Poland and Russia.

On June 20, 1955, photographs of the subject and his immediate family were displayed to Confidential Informants T-1 and T-2, both [redacted] who are acquainted with many personalities connected with Soviet Intelligence Services, who were unable to identify the photographs or furnish any information concerning the subject or his immediate family.

On June 16, 1955, [redacted] a former member of the Communist Party who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA LAMBERT G. ZANDER after viewing photographs of the subject and his immediate family that she did not know GEORGE KOVAL, that his name was not familiar to her and that she was unable to recall meeting or seeing the subject or members of his immediate family.

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As reflected in WFO letter to INS dated 6-7-55 and to Collector of Customs dated 6-9-55 (copies to New York) lookout notices were placed with INS and the Collector of Customs on a nation-wide basis. New York is requested to notify WFO at such time in the future when the lookout notice with the Collector of Customs is no longer required so that necessary action may be taken to have same cancelled. As previously set forth in relet to INS, New York should withdraw lookout notice directly by letter to INS when no longer desired.

INFORMANTS

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(C) [REDACTED]	Unable to identify subject	6-20-55	MAURICE A. TAYLOR and LEWIS E. GLENN	Instant File b1
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[REDACTED]	Unable to identify subject	6-20-55	MAURICE A. TAYLOR and LEWIS E. GLENN and ALEKSO POPTANICH	Instant File b2 b7D
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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

REFERENCE

New York letter to the Bureau dated 5-27-55.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (65-16756)

DATE: August 1, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI (65-62911)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Re NY memo of 5-27-55.

Bureau files reflect that as of June, 1950, Harry Gurshtel, born in 1889, and Goldie Gurshtel, born in 1899, were paid-up members of IWO Lodge 141 (California), holding certificates No. 1802 and 1801, respectively. It was indicated that both had joined (entered) in April, 1930.

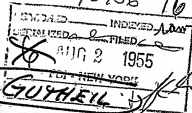
As set forth in the report of SA WERNER HANNA dated 6-16-33 at St. Paul captioned "Persons Located St. Paul Office District, Gold Hoarding," Harry Gurshtel, 928 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa was interviewed on 6-8-33. Gurshtel admitted withdrawing \$2,000 in gold coin in 1932 but claimed he subsequently converted 14 or 15 hundred dollars of the gold into gold certificates which he surrendered in May of 1933. He claimed that he had exchanged 3 or 4 hundred dollars of the gold to customers and surrendered \$200 worth to the bank on the morning following the day he was interviewed.

As set forth in report of SA HAYNE A. THOMPSON dated 3-13-41 at Des Moines captioned "Communist Activities in Iowa, IS - R," Sam Levich, 917 4th Street, Sioux City, Iowa, advised that although he did not know the individual's name he had heard from others that the operator of a clothing and haberdashery store at 928 4th Street, Sioux City, was disseminating communistic literature. According to the city directory the business was operated by Harry Gurshtel who resided at 928 4th Street with his wife, Goldie.

This same report reflected that on 12-16-40 informant [] advised that Harry Gurshtel, proprietor of Harry's Square Deal Clothing Co., Sioux City, Iowa, was a Communist.

cc - 1 - Los Angeles (65-6124) (Info)

cc - 1 - Omaha (65-609) (Info)



Letter to SAC, New York

The report also set forth information obtained from Confidential Informant [redacted] who, on 12-7-40, stated that Harry Gurshtel was a Communist and that he had seen Gurshtel at Communist meetings during the time the Communists were holding outdoor meetings in Riverside Park in the Riverside section of Sioux City, Iowa. Among individuals whom the informant stated he had seen attending Communist meetings and had talked to personally was Harry Gurshtel, 928 4th Street, Proprietor of Harry's Square Deal Store, same address.

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As set forth in report of SA JOSEPH F. HUGHES dated 10-17-42 at Des Moines, captioned "Russian Mutual Aid Society, IS - R", Mr. William Wachter, Manager of the Mayfair Hotel in Sioux City, produced his record book which disclosed that H. Gurshtel, 928 4th Street, Sioux City, had made the arrangements for a meeting held at the hotel on 10-28-41 by the Russian Mutual Aid Society. An article appearing in the Sioux City Journal of 10-29-41 concerned a meeting held at the Mayfair Hotel by the Russian Mutual Aid Society at which General Victor A. Yakhontoff, former general in the Czarist Russian Army and later Secretary of war during the Kerensky regime, had spoken. Harry Gurshtel was reported as having been chairman of the committee in charge of arranging the event.

According to a memorandum from the Chicago office dated 5-28-42, Harry Gurshtel, Sioux City, Iowa was named in a supplementary list of Communist suspects furnished by the office of the Ninth Naval District Headquarters, Chicago, Ill., on 4-2-42.

As set forth in Bureau memorandum to Los Angeles dated 5-5-54 captioned "American Peace Crusade, IS - C, Internal Security Act of 1950", the "Current Intelligence Summary" of 12-9-53 contained information to the effect that the American Peace Crusade had launched a nation wide campaign to send Christmas cards to President Eisenhower and Members of Congress containing a "peace" theme, although the cards were not to be identified with the American Peace Crusade. The "Current Intelligence Summary" of 1-6-54 set forth information that the Southern California Peace Crusade, affiliate of the American Peace Crusade, claimed it was responsible for sending approximately 7,000 "peace" messages to the White House during the Christmas season. Among such cards, furnished to the Bureau on 2-26-54 by Mr. Roger Steffan, Special Assistant to the Assistant to the President, were cards from Goldie Gurshtel and H. Gurshtel, postmarked at Los Angeles, Calif.

Letter to SAC, New York

Other than such as has been reported previously in this matter, Bureau files contain no additional information concerning the Harry Gurshtel and Goldie Koval Gurshtel who are of interest in this investigation.

Results of review of Bureau files concerning other individuals listed in New York memorandum of reference will be forwarded upon completion.

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TO : SAC, New York (65-16756)

DATE: August 2, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI (65-62911)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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New York.

In copies of referenced report forwarded to Bureau,
page 10 ends with following paragraph: "The Loans and Exchanges
account for the REC covering the period January 1, 1949 to
February 8, 1951, was checked on March 21, 1952, by SA Louis H.
Woiwode at the office of Sidney Rothstein at 140 Nassau Street,
New York City. Included in the records for that account was the
following notation:"

The balance of page 10 is blank. Page 11 begins with a
new paragraph: "On May 25, 1945, Lassen wrote to W. A. Rose,
71 Ridge Road, Rutherford, New Jersey, regarding the sale of
Mexican twins."

Advise as to whether report is correct or whether
portion of page 10 may have been omitted inadvertently.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (65-16756)

DATE: August 2, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI (65-62911)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Re NY memo of 5-27-55.

Other than such as has been reported previously in this matter, Bureau files contain no information concerning [redacted] who, according to information set forth in the report of SA Hayne A. Thompson dated 3-23-55 at Omaha, were born about [redacted]

Paul Silver

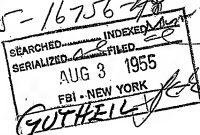
According to the report of SA Lee R. Inman dated 7-27-53 at Los Angeles captioned "Rose Silver Young, was., SM-C" Petition of Naturalization No. 1599 dated 7-10-24 reflected that Antzel Serebrenik had been issued Certificate of Naturalization No. 2164053 on 3-10-25 but that he was actually sworn in as a citizen on 1-8-25 at the Woodbury County District Court, Sioux City, Iowa. His Declaration of Intention listed himself as a widower with five children, Henry, Abe, Louie, Harold and Paul. In his petition, he requested that his name be changed to Antzel Silver. The Paul Silver may or may not be identical with the person by that name who is of interest in this matter.

Uncaptioned Bureau memorandum to Omaha dated 2-20-24 advised that the "Freiheit," Jewish Communist Daily, issue of 1-22-24 indicated that Paul Silver, 1316 Villa, Sioux City, Iowa, was the representative of that organ in that area.

Investigation at Sioux City, as set forth in report of E. W. Talbott dated 3-1-24 at Omaha captioned

cc - 1 - Los Angeles (65-6124) (for information)

cc - 1 - Omaha (65-609) (for information)



Letter to SAC, New York

"Paul Silver, et al, Radical Activities, Communist," disclosed that Paul Silver had come to Sioux City from Laurel, Nebraska, about a year and a half or two years before and lived at 1316 Villa Street. He conducted a grocery store at 11th and Court Streets, Sioux City, and while there was reported to have become intimate with some small girls in the community and was threatened with prosecution. In October, 1923, he bought a fruit stand at 312 4th Street, Sioux City but sold it in December, 1923, stating that he was going into the copyrighting business in Chicago, Illinois, and planned to do some writing on the side. M. J. Kerley and H. Bieh, from whom Silver rented his place at 312 4th Street, described him as being "dead" both physically and mentally. They stated that although they did not admire him, they considered him honest in business and advised that they had noticed no radical literature among his mail and that his conversation did not tend toward "radicalism." His father and mother were reported to be residing on the west side of Sioux City, his father being very old and inactive. He was also reported to have a brother who conducted a grocery store in South Sioux City, Nebraska, and another brother who conducted a grocery store at Laurel, Nebraska.

Paul Silver was described as follows:

Height:	5'6"
Weight:	160 pounds. Heavy set.
Age:	Approximately 25 years old (1924)
Wears heavy rimmed glasses.	
Has appearance of being well educated.	

By report of E. W. Talbott dated 3-8-24 in the same matter, Omaha advised that Paul Silver was then residing at 4845 N. Avers Street, Chicago, Illinois, and working for a company manufacturing punchboards.

According to the report of hearings before a Special Committee of the House of Representatives to investigate Communist activities in the U.S. (Fish Committee Report, part 4, volume 3) dated 9-29-30,

Letter to SAC, New York

among papers filed for the record by M. S. Winder, executive secretary and treasurer of the American Farm Bureau, was a report of the American Vigilant Intelligence Federation, Chicago, Illinois, dated 8-28-30 which reflected that according to minutes of the Communist Party, Iowa State nominating convention dated 8-17-30, delegates to the convention included Paul Silver, Sioux City, and George Koval, Young Communist League. Paul Silver was also listed as a member of the Nominating Committee. It would appear quite probable that the George Koval, representative of the Young Communist League, is identical with the subject of this investigation.

As set forth in report of SA Joseph F. Hughes dated 10-17-42 at Des Moines captioned "Russian Mutual Aid Society, IS-R," on 1-15-42, Jake Shapiro, 120 Iowa Street, Sioux City, Iowa, advised that a meeting of the Russian Mutual Aid Society had been held on 10-28-41 at the Mayfair Hotel which, in his opinion, had been arranged by local Communists. Shapiro stated that tickets for this meeting had been sold by Mrs. Silver, wife of Paul Silver, who operated a grocery store at 800 W. 7th Street. Mr. Shapiro stated that he was suspicious of the meeting inasmuch as Mrs. Silver was selling these tickets and her husband had been reported to be a Communist.

The name of Paul Silver, Sioux City, Iowa, appeared on a list of Communist suspects furnished by the office of the Ninth Naval District Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois, according to a memorandum from Chicago dated 5-28-42.

Other than as previously reported in this matter, Bureau files contain no additional information which appears to relate to the Paul Silver who is of interest in this investigation.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

Date: August 4, 1955

To:



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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

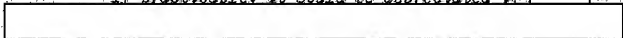
Subject: GEORGE ROYAL
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Reference is made to your memorandum of
July 20, 1955, your reference [redacted]

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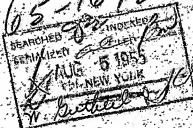
If practicable, it would be appreciated if [redacted]



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concerning the relationship between George Royal and
Francisco Petrinovic, now deceased.

cc - 1 - New York (Info)



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8/15/55

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Director, FBI (65-62911)

8/11/55

SAC, New York (65-16756)

GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Re: SA WALTER C. GUTHEID, JR., 6/29/55, NY, and
Bulet, 8/2/55.

Rebulet concerning last paragraph, page 10, and first
paragraph, page 11 of referenced NY report.

Please be advised that the first paragraph on page 11,
as it appears in the NY copies reads: "On May 25, 1945 LASSEN
wrote to W.A. ROSE, 71 Ridge Road, Rutherford, New Jersey,
regarding the sale of Mexican twine." This information describes
the notation referred to in the last paragraph, page 10.

Concerning the blank portion of page 10, information
deemed superfluous subsequent to transcription of the report was
deleted from the stencil prior to mimeographing. The report is
correct in its present form.

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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE AUG 10 1955	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/13, 20/55	REPORT MADE BY WAYNE H. SHAW DLS
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

GAROLD W. CURL attended Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at City College of the City of New York (CCNY) with GEORGE KOVAL 1943 - 1944. Both reportedly left CCNY for Oak Ridge, Tennessee, about August, 1944. CURL upon arriving at Oak Ridge was immediately sent to Los Alamos, New Mexico, and has not seen or heard from KOVAL since that time. CURL had no reason to question KOVAL's loyalty to the United States.

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DETAILS: AT CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA:

GAROLD W. CURL, 5453 Hazelton Avenue, who is employed as Design Engineer by the Giffillan Corporation, 1815 West Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, on July 13, 1955, advised SA WAYNE H. SHAW that he had known GEORGE KOVAL while they were both attending the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at City College of the City of New York (CCNY) 1943 - 1944. To the best of his recollection, they both left CCNY in August, 1944, for Oak Ridge, Tennessee. CURL stated that upon arrival at Oak Ridge, he was assigned to and left for Los Alamos, New Mexico. He was unable to recall what assignment KOVAL received, but has no recollection of seeing or hearing from KOVAL since that time. CURL stated that although he

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attended CCNY with KOVAL, he did not know him well. From his association with KOVAL, he described him as a good student, but that he did not know him well enough to comment regarding his loyalty, associates or reputation. He had no reason, however, to question his loyalty, associates or reputation.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, dated 6/29/55,
at New York City, New York.

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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Background information regarding JEROME B. CLAPP set forth. Newark files contain no identifiable information regarding WILLIAM A. ROSE.

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DETAILS:

At North Plainfield, New Jersey

Records of the North Plainfield Police Department checked on July 4, 1955, reflected that JEROME B. CLAPP, 105 Myrtle Avenue, North Plainfield, had been fined in 1950 because of a traffic violation.

Mrs. KATHLEEN BEALS, 105 Myrtle Avenue, advised on July 4, 1955, that JEROME CLAPP moved in 1951 or 1952 to Warrensville Road, Bound Brook, New Jersey.

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Records of the Credit Bureau of Central New Jersey checked on July 26, 1955, by SE JOSEPH P. MYERS indicated that JEROME B. CLAFF and his wife, MARIANNE, plus two children, had resided at RFD number 2, Bound Brook, New Jersey, since 1951.

A credit report dated November 10, 1953, showed that CLAFF was at that time the manager of the General Cable Corporation, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City, and that he had been employed in that capacity since August, 1950.

Files of the Newark Division contain no information identifiable with WILLIAM A. ROSE.

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The files of the N.J. Department of Motor Vehicles contain a record of JEROME B. CLAPP, Warrensville Road, Bound Brook, as the owner of a 1940 Pontiac, tan sedan, N.J. license NE 190; however, background regarding CLAPP as contained on registration and license applications is not presently available as the "C's" are being processed for IDI.

If background information regarding subject cannot be obtained by the NYO from the personnel record of General Cable Corp., the NYO should set forth a lead to review Motor Vehicle records in N.J. approximately 30 days from the date of this report.

REFERENCE: Report of SA WALTER C. GUTHRIE dated 6/29/55, at N.Y.

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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

DONALD J. RENDELL, 1917 West Estes, Chicago, Illinois, and RICHARD A. FRANCIS, 262 Allegheny, Park Forest, Illinois, were unable to furnish any information concerning GEORGE KOVAL.

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Under p. 1

DETAILS:

On August 11, 1955, DONALD J. RENDELL, 1917 West Estes Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA ROBERT E. FARNER that he was a former member of the Special Engineers Detachment at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He stated that he could not furnish any information concerning GEORGE KOVAL because he could not remember anyone by that name.

On August 15, 1955, RICHARD A. FRANCIS, 262 Allegheny, Park Forest, Illinois, advised SA ROBERT E. FARNER that he was a Sergeant of the Special Engineers Detachment at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, but could not furnish any information on GEORGE KOVAL due to the fact that he could not recall or remember such name.

The files of the Chicago Office failed to reflect any information identifiable with GEORGE KOVAL.

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Report of SA HENRY A. QUINN, JR. dated July 15,
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8/18/55

GEORGE KOVAL
ESP-R

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Enclosed to the FBI Laboratory are two photographs consisting of the following:

Item #1: A photograph reflecting the subject's signature as it appears on a Selective Service Form executed by him on 3/19/41.

Item #2: A photograph reflecting five samples of the subject's signature as obtained from several Selective Service Forms executed by him during 1942. It is noted that the fourth signature was signed for the subject by a Selective Service Official identified on the Selective Service Form by the initial M. L.

It is requested that the known samples of the subject's signature be compared with the signatures of known espionage agents presently on file at the laboratory.

The following brief summary of the investigation concerning the subject is noted:

Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942, he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, New York, New York, owned by ~~BERNARD W. RABIN~~ a prime suspect for the unknown Soviet agent known by the [redacted] b1
During 1945 he was employed in the health and physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "Unclassified" to "top secret." In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "commissioned representative," he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On 10/6/48, he departed the United States aboard the "SS America" destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts since that period are unknown. Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born United States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932 with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia, or outside the United States, from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an Electrical Engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at the College of the City of New York.

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Letter to Director
NY 65-16756

The enclosed photographs need not be returned to the New York Office
inasmuch as other copies are available.

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TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S. J. Papich

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

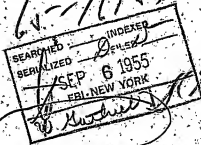
SUBJECT: George KOVAL
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1. Reference is made to your memorandum, dated
13 April 1955, file #65-62911.

2. A discreet check reveals that [REDACTED]
have no information on subject.

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Date Sept. 2, 1955

SAC:

New York Field Division (65-16756)

RE: GEORGE KOVAL

Espionage- R

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Very truly yours,

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GEORGE KOVAL
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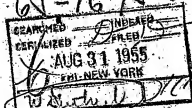
Re New York letter to the Director, 5/27/55.

Baltimore Confidential Source 4 advised SE JAMES R. COCHRAN on 8/26/55 that subject applied for an account number on 1/16/41, at which time he resided at 3470 Cannon Place, New York, N.Y. His application reflects that he was born 12/25/13 at Sioux City, Iowa, to ABRAHAM KOVAL and ETHEL SHENITSKI.

Wages were reported for the subject for the years 1941 and 1942, and for the quarter ended 3/43 by the Raven Electric Company, Inc., 11 West 25th St., New York, N.Y. The only other employment was for the quarter ended 12/46 when his wages were reported by JANE KRAMER and MILTON KRAMER, Medical Salvage Company, 217 East 23rd Street, New York, N.Y. -RUC-

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CC: NEW YORK (65-16756)



DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

Aug. 31, 1955

SAC, BOSTON (65-3981)

GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to report of SA [redacted] dated June 29, 1955 at New York, requesting Boston to check faculty records for the period 1945 to the present at Massachusetts Institute of Technology regarding identifying data of professors of Electrical Engineering who have a surname of Slavic or Russian derivation.

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Miss EDNAH BLANCHARD, Head Secretary of Electrical Engineering Headquarters, Room 4-202, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, who has been Secretary of the Electrical Engineering Division for several years and who is well acquainted with the professors in the School of Electrical Engineering, is presently on vacation and will not return to Cambridge until September 6 or 7, 1955. Miss BLANCHARD has been cooperative with the Boston Office in the past and immediately upon her return from vacation will be contacted for information concerning professors of Electrical Engineering who have surnames of Slavic or Russian derivation and identifying data concerning these professors.

A review of the 1945 - 1955 M.I.T. Catalogues lists the following professors possibly of Slavic or Russian derivation:

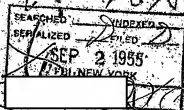
ALEXANDER KUSKO, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering.

LEO LEROY BERANEK, Associate Professor of Communications Engineering.

IVAN ALEXANDER GETTING, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering.

ZDENEK KOPAL, Associate Professor of Computational Analysis.

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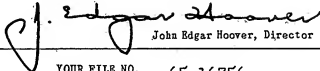


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To: SAC, New York

September 6, 1955

Re: GEORGE KOVAL
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John Edgar Hoover, DirectorYOUR FILE NO. 65-16756
FBI FILE NO. 65-62911
LAB. NO. D-210403 DG

Examination requested by: New York

Reference: Letter 8/18/55

Examination requested: Document

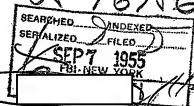
Specimen:

Kcl Two photographs containing six signatures of
GEORGE KOVAL. (Your items 1 and 2)

Result of Examination:

Specimen Kcl was searched through the signature section of the National Security File but no identification was effected. Due to the nature of specimen Kcl, no additional search of this file was made at this time. Specimens are not being added to this file unless future developments warrant such action.

Specimen Kcl is being retained in the files of the Bureau.

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American Embassy
Paris 8, France

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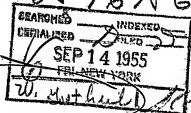
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ROUTING SLIP

Date September 13, 1955

SAC:

New York

Field Division (65-16756)

RE: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE -R

The attached is for your information. If
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Very truly yours,

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SAC, Pittsburgh (65-1657)

GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Rerep of SA HENRY A. QUINN, JR., Knoxville, 7/15/55.

Mrs. JOHN DE PALMA, 610 Locust Place, Sewickley, Pa., sister of WILLIAM G. BARGER, advised SA JOHN R. MITCHELL on 9/12/55, that her brother no longer resided in Sewickley, Pa.; that he was a Captain in the U.S. Army Engineers during World War II; that he was stationed at Oak Ridge, Tenn. in approximately 1944-45; and that she believed he was in charge of all the enlisted personnel in the U.S. Army who were stationed at the Oak Ridge, Tenn. (AEC) installation.

Mrs. DE PALMA advised that her brother, WILLIAM G. BARGER is an engineer in civilian life; that he is currently employed as a mechanical engineer with the Kelly-Springfield Tire Co., Cumberland, Md.; and that he resides at 715 LaVale Terrace, Cumberland.

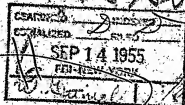
There is attached a copy of rerep for the information and assistance of the Baltimore Office in connection with this matter.

It is requested that the Baltimore Office interview WILLIAM G. BARGER in compliance with the lead set forth for the Pittsburgh Division in rerep.

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Paris 8, France

Date: September 8, 1955
To: Director, FBI (65-62911)
From: Legal Attache, Paris (65-335)
Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
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Date September 16, 1955

SAC:

New York

Field Division

RE: GEORGE KOVAL
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J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

OO: New York

Transmitted herewith are five copies of the report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, JR., in above captioned matter, dated as above, at New York.

The attached report sets forth brief background data concerning FERDINAND SMITH VREFLAND, ARNOED KRAMISH, WILF S. FISHER, JR., SEYMOUR D. USLAN and ARNOLD ACKERMAN, members of the subject's ASTP class at CCNY, who reportedly are in a position to furnish information regarding his past activities.

The Bureau is requested to review its indices for each of the above mentioned individuals inasmuch as the NYO contemplates interviews with them.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) files, College of the City of New York (CCNY), reflect FERDINAND SMITH VREELAND, ARNOLD KRAMISH, WILL S. FISHER, JR., SEYMOUR D. USLAN and ARNOLD ACKERMAN members of subject's ASTP class, CCNY, 8/9/43 to 7/29/44. ASTP files, CCNY, reflect HAROLD WOLF, HERBERT TAUB, WILLIAM FANE, SADIE SILVERMASTER and CECILE FORLICK instructed subject's ASTP class, CCNY. Investigation to locate parents of JEAN FINKLESTEIN reflects their reported residence of 1285 Morris Avenue, Bronx, NY, nonexistent. LEON (NAT) TAMARIN, cousin of LEON HAROLD TAMARIN, advised latter resides Queens Village, Jamaica, Long Island, NY. Lieutenant JOSEPH WARD, USCG, NYC, advised no record for WILLIAM A. ROSE. PETER PAIGE, Brookhaven National Laboratory, advised SEYMOUR BROCK employed at University of California during 1953. ELIZABETH BENTLEY advised photograph and background data re subject is completely unfamiliar.

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DETAILS:

MEMBERS OF SUBJECT'S ARMY SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAM CLASS, COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

The following background data regarding members of the subject's Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) class: in attendance at the College of the City of New York (CCNY) from August 9, 1943 to July 29, 1944, was made available from the files of that institution by CARL H. UTSINGER, Director of Admissions, to SA ROBERT J. BURTON on August 13, 1955:

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FERDINAND SMITH VREELAND

Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Residence Address [REDACTED]

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Army Serial No. [REDACTED]
Previous Education [REDACTED]

Tennessee
University of Tennessee,
Knoxville, Tennessee

ARNOLD KRAMISH

Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Residence Address [REDACTED]

Denver,

Army Serial No. [REDACTED]
Previous Education [REDACTED]

University of Denver,
Denver, Colorado

WILL S. FISHER, JR.

Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Residence Address [REDACTED]
Army Serial No. [REDACTED]
Previous Education [REDACTED]

Tennessee

Vanderbilt University, Nashville,
Tennessee

SEYMOUR D. USLAN

Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Residence Address [REDACTED]

Brooklyn,

Army Serial No. [REDACTED]
Previous Education [REDACTED]

New York
Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New
York

ARNOLD ACKERMAN

Date of Birth [REDACTED]
Residence Address [REDACTED]

Syracuse, New York

Army Serial No. [REDACTED]
Previous Education [REDACTED]

Queen College, Flushing, Long
Island, New York.

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Concerning FERDINAND SMITH VREILAND, ARNOLD KRAMISH, and WILL S. FISHER, JR., the following is noted:

JOHN BOZEMAN, former member of the subject's ASTP class, CCNY, was interviewed on May 4, 1955 by SA JOHN V. GRIFFIN, at which time he identified FRED VREILAND, ARNOLD KRAMISH, and (FNU) FISHER as students at that college who had been friendly with the subject. BOZEMAN stated that KRAMISH was working for the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), location unknown, and that VREILAND and FISHER were working for the AEC at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Information furnished by THELMA COLLINS, Declassification Branch, AEC, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, on July 8, 1955 to SA HENRY A. QUINN, JR., reflected that ARNOLD KRAMISH was no longer employed with the AEC, but is presently employed as manager of the Research Atomic Industry Forum, Incorporated, 260 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Concerning SEYMOUR D. USLAN and ARNOLD ACKERMAN, the following is noted:

HERBERT J. SANDBERG, former member of the subject's ASTP class, CCNY, was interviewed on May 18, 1955 by SAS DANIEL A. FLYNN and [REDACTED], and advised that SEYMOUR D. USLAN and RONALD ACKERMAN were "close acquaintances" of the subject at CCNY during 1943-1944.

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REGARDING SUBJECT'S INSTRUCTORS AT THE
COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

ABRAHAM ABROMOWITZ, Electrical Engineering Department, CCNY, advised SA JAMES A. MORGAN on August 24, 1955, that a review of the available files of the ASTP of CCNY reflects that the following individuals instructed the subject's ASTP class during the period August 9, 1943 to July 29, 1944:

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HAROLD WOLF

Former Chairman of the Electrical Engineering Department, presently the Dean of Guidance at CCNY.

Professor HERBERT TAUB

Presently assigned to the Electrical Engineering Department at CCNY.

WILLIAM FANE

Resides at [redacted] Street, Brooklyn, New York. Laboratory assistant, CCNY, presently on leave of absence until September, 1955.

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SADIE SILVERMASTER

Professor, Electrical Engineering Department, CCNY.

CECILE WORLICK

Chairman, Electrical Engineering Department, CCNY.

The indices of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as reviewed on August 26, 1955, reflected no record for Professor HERBERT TAUB, WILLIAM FANE, SADIE SILVERMASTER, and CECILE WORLICK; and no derogatory information regarding HAROLD WOLF.

Regarding JEAN FINKLESTEIN

HERBERT J. SANDEBERG was interviewed by SA HARRY E. HINDERLITER, JR., on February 23, 1955, and advised that just prior to the subject's departure from the United States the latter had been dating JEAN FINKLESTEIN, [redacted] Avenue, Bronx, New York. FINKLESTEIN subsequently moved to [redacted] Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

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Investigation conducted by Special Agents of the Los Angeles Division at Los Angeles, California, during May, 1955, reflected the following:

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A. B. NEAMAN, [redacted] Avenue, Los Angeles, California, owner and manager of the apartment court at [redacted] Avenue, Los Angeles, California advised he had no record of tenancy for JEAN FINKLESTEIN. He recalled that GEORGE and LEONARD FIELDS, twin brothers, had rented apartments from him during 1953, and sometime during their residence legally changed their names from FINKLESTEIN to FIELDS.

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A search of the Los Angeles area directories, and inquiries of those individuals in the area with the name ~~GEORGE FIELDS or LEONARD FIELDS~~ failed to reflect any information regarding the twin brothers, GEORGE and LEONARD FIELDS.

A search of the Los Angeles area directories, and a review of the indices of the Los Angeles Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation failed to reflect any information which could be identified with JEAN FINKLESTEIN.

On May 18, 1955, HERBERT J. SANDBERG was re-contacted by SAs GUTHEIL and FLYNN, at which time he stated that the whereabouts of JEAN FINKLESTEIN is presently unknown to him, but that he believes her parents may presently be residing at [redacted] Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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Investigation conducted in the vicinity of the [redacted] Avenue, Bronx, New York, on August 3, 1955, reflected no building address of [redacted] Avenue,

The current telephone directories for the Borough of the Bronx, New York, as reviewed on August 5, 1955, reflected the following listings for individuals with the surname FINKLESTEIN:

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JESSIE FINKLESTEIN, [] Avenue, Tivoli 2-3192,
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MAURICE FINKLESTEIN, [] Avenue,
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On August 26, 1955, Mrs. JESSIE FINKLESTEIN,
[] Avenue, Bronx, New York, and Mrs. EVELYN
FINKLESTEIN, [] Avenue, Bronx, advised that
JEAN FINKLESTEIN is unknown to them.

REGARDING LEON HAROLD TAMARIN, FORMER EMPLOYEE
OF THE RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in
the past, made available information on May 9, 1955, which
reflected that on June 22, 1942 BENJAMIN W. LASSEN,
President of the Raven Electric Company (REC), New York
City, indicated that LEON TAMARIN, [] Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York, was being trained as a replacement for
the subject's position with the REC.

G-2, Department of the United States Army,
during 1944, made available the following information
concerning LEON TAMARIN, [] Avenue, Brooklyn,
New York:

LEON TAMARIN admitted attending Communist Party (CP)
meetings from 1935 to 1939 and contributing small sums of
money to the CP from 1935 to 1938, although he denied that
he was ever a member of the CP.

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On July 14, 1955, LEON (NII) TAMARIN, []
[] Coney Island, Brooklyn, New York, an employee
of David and David, [] Avenue, Brooklyn, New York,
advised SAs HINDERLITER and GUTHRIE, that he is a cousin of
LEON HAROLD TAMARIN, former resident at [] Avenue,
Brooklyn, New York, and present resident of [] Street,
Queens Village, Jamaica, Long Island, New York.

TAMARIN stated that he operated Lee Owen Studios
in partnership with BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, owner of the REC,

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and BURT OWEN, a commercial photographer, from November, 1947 to 1950.

Upon observing a photograph of the subject TAMARIN stated that the subject is unknown to him. He recalled that his cousin, LEON HAROLD TAMARIN, was employed with the REC for several years and assumed that the latter would have some information concerning former employees of the REC.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

BENJAMIN W. LASSEN

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 26, 1949, that BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, also known as BENJAMIN W. LASSOFF, organized and was elected President and Treasurer of the REC, Incorporated, New York City.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised the following during July, 1952:

The informant believed that BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, Owner of the REC, New York City, must have been a courier for Soviet espionage activities, pointing out that the latter's extensive travel abroad, and other known activities, coincided with the operational characteristics of the Jonas Group, one of two Soviet espionage rings which operated in Poland during the middle 1930's.

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The informant was also of the opinion that LASSEN is identical with the unknown Soviet agent [redacted]

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REGARDING WILLIAM A. ROSE, CONSULTANT ENGINEER REC

T-1, previously mentioned, made available information on May 9, 1955, that WILLIAM A. ROSE, Contractual Electrical Engineer Consultant with the REC during July, 1942, had information concerning the subject's employment with the REC. The informant advised that ROSE identified himself by displaying United States Coast Guard card with Serial Number [] issued by the Port of New York.

On August 5, 1955, Lieutenant JOSEPH WARD, United States Coast Guard, 80 Lafayette Street, New York City, advised SA RAYMOND J. KOPP of the following:

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A review of the Intelligence and Merchant Seaman files of the United States Coast Guard, New York City, reflects no record under the name WILLIAM A. ROSE. Records for United States Coast Guard number [] are not on file at Coast Guard Headquarters at New York, but may be on file at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

REGARDING STEYMOUR BLOCK

JACOB A. MARINSKY, Assistant Research Director, Ionics, Incorporated, Cambridge, Massachusetts, on temporary assignment at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, advised SA HENRY A. QUINN, JR., on July 8, 1955, that he was assigned to the Special Engineers Division at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory from April, 1944, to August, 1946. He stated upon viewing a photograph of subject that he recalls subject's face, but could not

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recall his name or any of his past activities. He recalled SEYMOUR BLOCK as being the subject's direct supervisor at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and believes that BLOCK was employed at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, Brookhaven, New York.

PETER PAIGE, Personnel Supervisor, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Brookhaven, Upton, New York, advised SA GEORGE F. BERGERON on August 30, 1955, that SEYMOUR BLOCK had been employed at that laboratory as a physicist from October 6, 1947, to February 13, 1953. He terminated his employment in 1953 to take a position as a radiation physicist at the University of California, Berkeley, California.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. G. GARDNER, Superintendent, 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised SA HINDERLITER on June 10, and 14, 1954, that GEORGE KOVAL resided in an apartment in that building from the fall of 1946, until approximately 1949. Mrs. GARDNER recalled only one individual visited KOVAL and she described him as follows:

Age	60's
Height	5 feet 7 inches
Build	Stocky
Hair	Gray
Characteristics	Appears to be of French Nationality; neat dresser and well mannered; wore goatee.

(S) Mrs. GARDNER was recontacted on April 6, 1955, by SA HINDERLITER, at which time a photograph of JACOB BROCHES ARONOFF was displayed to her. She advised that to the best of her recollection the individual who visited KOVAL during his residence at 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, New York, is not identical with ARONOFF.

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T-1 Selective Service records LB 126, Bronx, NY	Background info re LEON TAMARIN and WILLIAM A. ROSE	5/9/55	SE DONALD D. STRELETZKY	65-16756-37

T-2 [redacted]	BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, President, REC	10/26/49	H.E. HINDERLITER	65-14743-143 b2 b6 b7C b7D
T-3 [redacted] (S)	Possible identi- fication of LASSEN as [redacted] (S)	July, 1952	Interviewed by [redacted] mentioned in letter from Liaison Office, Ottawa, Canada, to Bureau, 7/8/52	65-14743- 222

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MISCELLANEOUS

For the information of the San Francisco Division, which has not received a prior communication concerning this case, the following brief summary is noted:

Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942 he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, New York, New York, owned by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, a prime suspect for the unknown Soviet agent known by the [REDACTED]. During 1945 he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "unclassified" to "top secret." In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "commissioned representative", he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On 10/6/48, he departed the United States aboard the SS AMERICA destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts since that period are unknown. Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born United

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States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932 with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia, or outside the United States, from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an Electrical Engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at the College of the City of New York.

WILLIAM FANE, identified in instant report as a laboratory assistant at CCNY, is apparently identical with WILLIAM FADE, previously identified by a former member of the subject's ASTP class as a faculty member at CCNY who was acquainted with the subject prior to the latter's departure from the United States during the fall of 1948.

ABRAHAM ABROMOWITZ, Electrical Engineering Department, CCNY, advised SA JAMES A. MORGAN on August 24, 1955, that a thorough review of the ASTP records at CCNY could not be made until September, 1955, upon the return from vacation of the clerical staff at CCNY.

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LEADSKNOXVILLEAt Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Will interview ROBERT COVEYOU, Mathematician, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, concerning his knowledge of the subject's past activities and associates.

COVEYOU was identified in Knoxville report, instant case, dated July 15, 1955, as an individual who may have known the subject during the latter's assignment at Oak Ridge.

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SAN FRANCISCO

At Berkeley, California

Will locate and request Bureau authority to interview SEYMOUR BLOCK, Physicist, regarding the subject's past activities and associates.

SEYMOUR BLOCK has been identified as the subject's former supervisor at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will recontact HERBERT J. SANDBERG, apartment [redacted] Street, New York City, regarding any additional information concerning the whereabouts of JEAN FINKLESTEIN or her parents. ✓

2. Will request Bureau authority to interview faculty members at CCNY who instructed subject's ASTP class at that college during 1943 and 1944. ✓

3. Will determine if ARNOLD KRAMISH, Manager, Research Atomic Industry Forum, Incorporated, [redacted] Avenue, New York City, is identical with ARNOLD KRAMISH a member of the subject's ASTP class, CCNY, if so, will consider interviewing him regarding subject. ✓

4. Will request Bureau authority to interview LEON HAROLD TAMARIN, [redacted] Village, Jamaica, Long Island, New York, concerning whom information has been reported in connection with an investigation at New York entitled, "LEON TAMARIN; SM-C." ✓

5. Will request the Identification Division to check the files of Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington,

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D.C., regarding available information under United States Coast Guard No. [REDACTED]

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6.* Will review faculty records, CCNY, for background data of assistance in locating LEON SELDIN, former Electrical Engineering Instructor at CCNY, and formerly acquainted with the subject during the period 1946-1948.

7.* Will, through appropriate source, attempt to develop identifying data regarding ABRAHAM SILVER, from whom subject sublet an apartment at [REDACTED] Place, Bronx, New York, during January, 1941.

BOSTON and PITTSBURGH (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report has been designated for the Boston and Pittsburgh Divisions, inasmuch as those offices are presently conducting investigation regarding instant case.

REFERENCE Report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, 6/29/55, New York.

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Director, FBI (65-62911)

September 20, 1955

SAC, Pittsburgh (65-1657)

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Inasmuch as no further investigation is pending in this division,
the previous lead set out for Pittsburgh having been referred to
Baltimore, the copy of rerep designated for Pittsburgh is enclosed
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Professors of Electrical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with surnames of Slavic or Russian derivation for the period 1945-55 set forth. Review of office indices concerning such professors also set out.

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DETAILS:

On September 6, 1955, Miss EDNAH BLANCHARD, Head Secretary, School of Electrical Engineering, Engineering Headquarters, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that the only professors of Electrical Engineering at MIT in the past ten years who had surnames of SLAVIC or RUSSIAN derivation that she could recall were the following:

IVAN ALEXANDER GETTING
ZDENEK KOPAL
IVAN SIMON

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Miss BLANCHARD stated that JURIS SMILGENS was born in Svastopol, Russia, on August 28, 1915 and had been at MIT since September, 1948 doing research work but she stated that SMILGENS was not a professor and was not teaching.

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Miss BLANCHARD also advised that ALEXANDER KUSKO was of Polish extraction and was born in the United States and that KUSKO was presently an Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering.

Miss BLANCHARD also stated that LEO LEROY BERANEK, Associate Professor of Communications Engineering, was born in Iowa.

IVAN ALEXANDER GETTING

Miss BLANCHARD furnished the following information concerning IVAN ALEXANDER GETTING, who was an Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering at MIT:

GETTING was born on January 18, 1912 at New York City and his father was either a minister or ambassador from Czechoslovakia to the United States shortly after World War I. GETTING was an Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering at MIT from September, 1943 to September, 1951, and he is presently Vice-President of Raytheon, Inc., Waltham, Mass.

The following information is contained in the files of the Boston Office concerning GETTING:

GETTING attended MIT from 1929 to 1933 when he received an S. B. degree in physics. He held a Junior Prize Fellowship at Harvard University from 1935 to 1938 and also a Junior Fellow of the Society of Fellows, 1938-41. He associated with the Radiation Laboratory at MIT in 1940 and was made an Associate Professor at MIT in 1943.

An applicant-type investigation concerning GETTING was conducted by the Boston Office in 1951 and as a result of this investigation it was ascertained that GETTING's employers, neighbors and associates recommended him highly as to ability, character, reputation, associates and loyalty. All records at MIT concerning GETTING were favorable.

ZDENEK KOPAL

Miss BLANCHARD advised that Professor KOPAL was born in Litomyšl, Czechoslovakia, on April 4, 1914. He received a Doctor's Degree at the University of Prague in 1937. She stated that KOPAL was at MIT from 1943 to 1948 doing research work, was appointed Associate Professor of Computational Analysis in 1948 and left MIT on June 30, 1952. She stated that KOPAL was at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., from 1938 to 1943 and was naturalized at Boston, Mass., on November 29, 1948. Miss BLANCHARD stated that KOPAL was presently at the University of Birmingham, Birmingham, England.

The following information was taken from the files of the Boston Office:

The records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 73 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass., indicate that KOPAL had been closely associated with Professor HARLOW SHAPLEY, former Director of the Harvard Observatory, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., for many years. Professor SHAPLEY on March 20, 1939 directed a letter to the Immigration and Naturalization Service requesting that KOPAL's immigration visa, which was to lapse on July 25, 1939, be extended.

LOUIS BUDENZ, who was formerly associated for many years with the Communist Party, USA, on a national scale and who was himself a Communist Party member, stated that Professor HARLOW SHAPLEY had been known to him as a concealed member of the Communist Party, USA. He also stated that it was his understanding from various sources of the Communist Party that HARLOW SHAPLEY was engaged in two missions on behalf of the Party as a prominent scientist:

- a. To attract younger scientists to cooperate with the Party and its affiliated organizations during their formative years; and
- b. To sponsor Communist Party front organizations of potential interest to scientists and by virtue of his own position in the field of science to attract non-Party scientists to affiliate with such front organizations.

This information was furnished by BUDENZ in June, 1950.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Immigration and Naturalization Service records indicate that KOPAL arrived in the United States at the Port of New York, New York on the SS Vulcania on October 13, 1938 and that his closest friend in the United States was Dr. HARLOW SHAPLEY, Director of the Harvard Observatory, Cambridge, Mass. These records reflect that KOPAL was granted Certificate of Naturalization No. 6875743 on November 29, 1948 at the U. S. District Court, Boston, Mass.

When questioned by Inspector JOHN DALEY, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Boston, Mass., on October 28, 1948, KOPAL stated that he was not at that time nor had he ever been a member of the Communist Party. KOPAL also stated that he had never advocated the overthrow of the United States by force or violence and was opposed to the Communist principles of the supremacy of the state as against the individual.

KOPAL disclosed to Inspector DALEY that he was formerly a member of the "Forum for International Problems" at Cambridge, Mass. from approximately 1943 to 1945 and that his name appeared on its Steering Committee. KOPAL stated that he attended approximately four or five meetings, acting as Chairman of one meeting.

at which he discussed the historical background of Czechoslovakia. KOPAL stated that he voluntarily dropped out of this Forum in approximately early 1945 when he noted the tendencies of the Forum became leftist, inasmuch as more speakers were invited to defend the radical side of controversial subjects.

As a result of an applicant-type investigation conducted by the Boston Office in 1952, it was ascertained that informants who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party activities in the greater Boston area, which includes Cambridge, Mass., stated that KOPAL was unknown to them and they could furnish no information concerning KOPAL.

Records of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Washington, D. C., contained no record of Professor KOPAL in 1952.

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in the latter part of 1947 that there existed at the Harvard Observatory, 60 Garden Street, Cambridge, Mass., during 1945 and 1946 a Forum for International Problems which was held semi-weekly at the Harvard Observatory Library Auditorium, Cambridge, Mass. T-1 stated that in his opinion the speakers for the most part were biased in favor of Communism.

IVAN SIMON

The following information concerning IVAN SIMON was furnished by Miss BLANCHARD:

SIMON was born on June 5, 1914 at Prague, Czechoslovakia, and was naturalized at the U. S. District Court, Boston, Mass., on August 6, 1953. Miss BLANCHARD stated that her records show that SIMON graduated from the Charles University, Prague, Czechoslovakia in 1938 and was a Professor at that University until 1948. He came to MIT as a Research Associate on February 1, 1948 and remained until June 30, 1949, at which time, he went to the Arthur B. Little Company, Inc., Cambridge, Mass.

Boston files reflect that IVAN SIMON advised Bureau agents on February 15, 1955 that he was presently employed in the Research and Development Department of the Arthur B. Little Company, Inc., Cambridge, Mass. In February, 1955, SIMON resided with his wife, JARMILA SIMON, nee JARMILA CEBOSKA, and his children, [redacted] who were both of pre-high school age. Both of the SIMON children were born in Czechoslovakia and came to the United States with their parents on February 1, 1948 from Rotterdam, Holland.

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IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION	DATE REC'D	AGENT TO WHOM FURNISHED	FILE WHERE LOCATED
T-1 [redacted]	Info re Forum for Inter- national Problems	1947	PHILIP M. BREED	121-9491-9

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The informants, who were familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in 1952, mentioned in this report are:

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Administrative Data

It is to be noted that [redacted] is a Potential Security Informant of the Boston Office.

REFERENCE: Report of SA WALTER G. GUTHEIL at New York, dated June 29, 1955.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

DATE: October 3, 1955

FROM : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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Reurlet 9-16-55.

Bureau will review file references concerning Ferdinand Smith Vreeland, Arnold Kramish, Will S. Fisher, Jr., and Arnold Ackerman and will advise as to pertinent information not already available to New York. However, inasmuch as Seymour D. Uslan's residence is listed as in the New York area, it is suggested that you first check files in your office. In the event you then feel Bufiles may contain additional pertinent information, resubmit your request.

From your memorandum of reference, it does not appear that a review of files in the New York office was made prior to submitting such a request to the Bureau, nor does it appear from your memorandum just why such a review by the Bureau is a necessary condition precedent to the contemplated interview of these individuals.

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Rerep SA [redacted] dated 9/16/55 at NY with a lead for SF to locate and request Bureau authority to interview SEYMOUR BLOCK concerning subject's past activities and associates.

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Examination of records of the SF Operations Office, HS AEG, by SA KEITH G. TEETER on 10/4/55, revealed that SEYMOUR BLOCK is the subject of the case "SEYMOUR BLOCK - 15, ACAA." (Bufile 116-40492). BLOCK's AEG file contained a PSQ questionnaire dated 9/26/47 in which his clearance was requested as a Research Associate, Health Physics Department, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York. He received clearance in connection with this employment on 1/20/48.

While still employed at Brookhaven, BLOCK submitted a PSQ dated 10/27/52 as an applicant for the position of physicist in the Health Physics Department at the Livermore Site of the University of California Radiation Laboratory, Livermore, California. His "Q" clearance was reinstated for this position on 3/3/53 and he is currently employed at Livermore.

In his PSQ dated 10/27/52, BLOCK listed employment in health physics with the Army Special Engineering Detachment at the Clinton Laboratories, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, from 3/44 to 2/46 when he was discharged from the Armed Forces.

Investigation of BLOCK in 1947 developed the following information at the New York Naval Shipyard, Brooklyn, New York, where BLOCK was employed as an Assistant Inspector of Naval materiel from 1/42 to 1/43 and from 3/46 to 10/47.

JOHN D. LONG, a fellow employee, advised that BLOCK had praised HENRY WALLACE on the stand he had taken in favor of Russia and that BLOCK had read the publication "PM."

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FROM: SAC, SF (105-3751)
SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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THOMAS B. VALLENTI, another fellow employee, advised that he once remarked that we should give Russia the A-bomb by dropping it on that country. In response, BLOCK came to the defense of Russia and stated that that country has done much for us. According to VALLENTI, BLOCK said: "Wait until I'm commissar of this area."

Other fellow employees of BLOCK interviewed advised they knew of no pro-Communist statements by him and were never aware of any pro-Communist literature in his possession.

H. GAFFNEY, JR., Head Supervisor, advised he considered JOHN D. LONG, mentioned above, to be "old womanish" and a "rattle tale." He believed THOMAS B. VALLENTI to be a "bag of wind who would blow any idea implanted in his head."

Commander C. P. LETTE, Inspector of Naval Materiel, advised he believed reports of BLOCK made by LONG and VALLENTI should be discounted because these two individuals were unreliable in this respect and probably were not aware of the significance of their remarks.

Prior to reinstatement of his clearance for employment with the University of California Radiation Laboratory, BLOCK was interviewed by AEC officials on 2/26/53. He denied that he was ever interested in the candidacy of HENRY WALLACE for the Presidency. He said he had never read "PM" or expressed any sympathy for the USSR even in jest. He described himself as being a conservative individual in his politics and unalterably opposed to Communism.

The files of this office contain no information re BLOCK.

It is recommended that BLOCK be interviewed as requested by rerep and authorization for interview is hereby requested.

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Date: September 28, 1955
To: Director, FBI (65-62911)
From: Legal Attache, Paris (65-335)
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Date October 7, 1955

SAC:

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Field Division (65-16756)

RE: GEORGE KOVAL
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Bufile 65-62911

The attached is for your information. If
used in a future report, () conceal all sources,
() paraphrase contents. () Remarks:

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
65-16756-72
John Edgar Hoover

Director

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT KNOXVILLE	DATE WHEN MADE 10/10/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/27; 10/5/55	REPORT MADE BY HENRY A. QUINN, JR.
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ROBERT REGINALD COVEYOU, Mathematician, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, stated that he recalls **GEORGE KOVAL** as being at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory about 1945 but did not know him very well and never had any close contact with KOVAL.

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DETAILS:

AT OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

On 9/27/55 Mr. **ROBERT REGINALD COVEYOU**, Mathematician, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, advised that he was in the Health Physics Division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in 1945 and recalls that one **GEORGE KOVAL**, a member of the Army Specialized Training Program (ATSP) Group, was working at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory on health physics problems. Mr. COVEYOU stated he had no contact with **GEORGE KOVAL** away from the plant area and knew nothing of his residence or friends. He stated that he did not know **KOVAL** very well and never had any extended conversations with him. He stated that he had no information concerning **KOVAL**'s background, activities at Oak Ridge, and has heard nothing from him since he left the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

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This report is not being classified inasmuch as it contains no information of a classified nature although all previous reports received by the Knoxville Office have been classified as Secret.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] dated 9/16/55
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Report of SA HENRY A. QUINN, JR. dated 7/15/55 at
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GEORGE KOVAL
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Re Bureau letters captioned as above 7/20/55,
8/1/55 and 8/2/55.

Referenced Bureau letters reflect the results of a review of Bureau indices regarding the known relatives of the subject described on the last page of a report made in Omaha 3/23/55 in instant case. This information made available by the Bureau supplemented an indices review for the same individuals by Los Angeles, which is reflected in Los Angeles letter 5/3/55.

In an effort to determine the present whereabouts of the subject, Los Angeles is requested to conduct the following investigation, utilizing the information reflected in referenced Bulets and above-mentioned Omaha report, copies of which have been furnished Los Angeles.

Ascertain the present residence address of the subject's relatives who, with the possible exception of SAM GERTZ, an uncle, have been last reported residing in Los Angeles, California. Upon locating these individuals in Los Angeles, will request Bureau authorization to institute a 60 day mail cover on each of the relatives in consideration of the possibility that subject may be in contact with them. Will also institute appropriate toll call coverage for the relatives.

In addition, will conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain possibility of developing a highly confidential source of information on one or more of the relatives in an attempt to develop information which might assist in ascertaining the subject's whereabouts and past activities. If such investigation appears feasible, will request Bureau authority in accordance with present Bureau regulations.

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Will also conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain whether or not EUGENE and ELI SILVER (subject's cousins), twin sons of PEARL and PAUL SILVER, are residing in Los Angeles. If so, will also institute mail and toll call coverage concerning them.

If above is negative or inadvisable, will request Bureau authority to interview each of the relatives concerning their knowledge of the subject's present whereabouts, background and activities. In addition, emphasis should be given to the following:

(1) Whether or not the subject and his immediate family departed Sioux City, Iowa, for Russia during 1932 or 1933. If so, what was exact date and place of departure?

(2) Did subject's mother, father, and two known brothers remain in Russia, or did they, at any time, return to the United States?

(3) Is BENJAMIN LASSEN (prime suspect for subject case entitled "UNSUB, was: [REDACTED] ESPIONAGE - R") known to them? If so, develop all information relating to subject's association with LASSEN.

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(4) Develop all information relating to the subject's assignment at the Oak Ridge Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 1944-1945, while a member of the U. S. Army.

(5) Develop all information relating to subject's subversive background, political sympathies, and possible espionage activities.

It is noted that the above pertinent questions are listed only as a guide and in any instance where a relative is cooperative, an exhaustive effort should be made to develop all phases of the subject's background and activities in the United States and abroad.

Concerning the proposed interviews with the relatives, it is noted that on the basis of information that has been developed, Mrs. PEARL SILVER and HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL appear to be the best potential sources of information concerning the subject because of the following:

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PEARL SILVER may possibly be identical with the TILLIE SILVER with whom the subject reportedly resided at 3451 Giles Place, Bronx, New York, during 1941, the approximate time of the subject's suspected return to the United States from Russia.

HARRY GURSHTEL, identified as being active with the subject's father during 1932 in a Jewish organization advocating colonization of a region in Russia, reportedly traveled to Russia around 1934, at which time he may have contacted the KOVAL family. In consideration of the above, it is requested that PEARL SILVER and HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL be the first of the subject's relatives interviewed and that they be interviewed simultaneously.

The sequence of the remaining interviews should be governed by the nature of subversive activity known for each of the other relatives.

CHICAGO DIVISION

A review of Bureau indices has reflected that according to a report in 1951 from ONI, a Mr. and Mrs. S. GERTZ, who had a married daughter, [redacted] resided at 4647 North Lawndale Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

In consideration of the possibility that the Mr. S. GERTZ, described above, and his daughter, [redacted] may be identical with the SAM GERTZ, divorced husband of PEARL SILVER, subject's aunt, and the [redacted] subject's cousin, Chicago is requested to review its indices concerning these individuals and in the absence of derogatory information, will interview them concerning the subject in accordance with instructions previously noted herein for Los Angeles.

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The Bureau's attention is directed to the report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL at New York, 6/29/55, in instant case, which reflects information concerning LEON TAMARIN, described as one of two men who, during 1941, were being considered as the successor to the subject's position with the Raven Electric Company, operated by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN. LEON TAMARIN was subsequently identified as LEON HAROLD TAMARIN, who

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presently resides at [redacted] Street, Queens Village,
Jamaica, Long Island, New York.

The files of the NYO reflect the following derogatory information possibly identifiable with LEON HAROLD TAMARIN reflected in reports furnished by G-2 during 1944:

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LEON TAMARIN signed an independent nominating petition of the CP on 8/20/40 and on 1/31/42. He also signed a CP petition while residing at [redacted] Ave., Brooklyn, New York. G-2 advised that TAMARIN acknowledged signing the CP petitions and admitted attending CP meetings from 1935-1939 and contributing small amounts to the CP from 1935-1938, although he denied ever being a member of the CP.

Bureau authority is requested to interview TAMARIN regarding his knowledge of subject's background and activities.

ENCLOSURES:

TO LOS ANGELES:

One passport photograph of subject taken during 1948.
One passport photograph of BENJAMIN W. LASSEN taken during 1947.

TO CHICAGO:

One passport photograph of subject taken during 1948.

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

GEORGE KOVAL
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Rerep 9/16/55, NY, captioned as above.

Referenced report identifies the following as faculty members of the College of the City of NY (CCNY), who, according to the records of that institution, taught the subject during the Army Special Training Program during the period 1943-1944:

HAROLD WOLF, Dean of Guidance
HERBERT TAUB, Professor of Electrical Engineering
SADIE SILVERMASTER, Professor of Electrical Engineering
CECILE FORLICK, Chairman, Electrical Engineering Department
WILLIAM FANE, Laboratory Assistant

In an effort to develop any information the above might possibly recall concerning the subject, Bureau authority is requested to interview them.

According to Bureau regulations, which require comment concerning the reliability of faculty members to be interviewed, it is noted that SA ROBERT J. BURTON, former liaison agent for the NYO with CCNY, advised on 10/12/55, that with the exception of WILLIAM FANE, each of the above individuals have been contacted at CCNY in the past relevant to applicant investigations of the NYO, and were cooperative.

Concerning HAROLD WOLF, SA BURTON advised that he has been exceptionally helpful to the NYO in the past.

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NY 65-16756

It is noted that Dr. HAROLD WOLF, CCNY, NYC, was listed by the subject as a reference in an application executed by him for AEC during 1944.

The indices of the NYO, as reviewed on 10/15/55, reflected no record for each of the faculty members of CCNY, mentioned herein, with the exception of HAROLD WOLF. The information determined identifiable with HAROLD WOLF reflected nothing of a subversive or derogatory nature.

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TO : SAC, New York (65-16756)

DATE: October 25, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI (65-62911)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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Rebulet 10-3-55.

Ferdinand Smith Vreeland

Bufiles reflect Vreeland, as employee of Fairchild Engine and Airplane Company, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, was subject of limited Atomic Energy Act-employee investigation initiated 12-15-47 which disclosed no derogatory information concerning character, reputation, employment, neighborhood and associates. PSQ contained (in part) following:

Born - [redacted] Raleigh, Tennessee.

Residence - [redacted]
Knoxville, Tennessee.Military Service - U. S. Army 9/43 - 1/46. Staff Sgt.
Manhattan District Engineers
7/45 - 2/46, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.
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Bureau files contain no additional references not already available to NY.

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Director, FBI (65-62911)

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ReNYlet 10-12-55.

In accordance with current regulations, should LA request Bureau authority for mail cover, such request should be limited to 30-day period. Thereafter, should authority be sought for additional 30-day period, justification therefor should be set forth.

In absence of some indication that a highly confidential source might disclose information of value to this investigation, it should not be considered.

For information of NY, Bureau files re Leon Harold Tamarin being reviewed, upon completion of which advisability of authorizing interview will be considered and NY advised.

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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WILLIAM G. BARGER, Cumberland, Maryland, who was Commanding Officer of SED, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, March, 1944, to February, 1946, recalled the subject but stated he had no knowledge of the subject's assignment at Oak Ridge and knew nothing of his activities there.

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DETAILS:

Inquiries were made to locate and interview WILLIAM G. BARGER, former Commanding Officer, Special Engineers Detachment, U. S. Army, at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

AT CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND

The following investigation was conducted by SA FREDERICK W. WILSON:

On September 19, 1955, Mr. WILLIAM G. BARGER, 715 Lavale Terrace, Cumberland, Maryland, advised he was presently

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employed as a Mechanical Engineer with the Kelly-Springfield Tire Company, Kelly Boulevard, Cumberland. During World War II, he served with the U. S. Army Engineers and last held the rank of Captain. From March, 1944, to February, 1946, he was assigned as the Commanding Officer of the Special Engineers Detachment, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Mr. BARGER was unable to recall the subject by name but stated he would check the yearbook of the Special Engineers Detachment in an effort to identify the subject in his mind.

On September 29, 1955, Mr. BARGER was contacted at his place of employment, Kelly-Springfield Tire Company, Cumberland. He said he could recall GEORGE KOVAL, after a check of the yearbook, only as being one of a group of approximately one thousand who served under him at Oak Ridge. He had no knowledge of subject's assignment or of the particular work in which subject was engaged while at Oak Ridge. He could recall no close contact he had with KOVAL and knew nothing of his activities at Oak Ridge away from work.

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During the course of interview with WILLIAM G. BARGER on September 29, 1955, he stated that the man who served as Assistant First Sergeant of the Special Engineers Detachment, a WILLIAM F. BOWLAND, might have knowledge of the subject. BOWLAND was last known to be a resident of Baltimore, Maryland, and employed by a steel company in that city, according to BARGER.

BOWLAND's name is not listed in the Baltimore City Telephone Directory. As there is no definite indication that he was an associate of the subject or that he has information concerning the subject's activities at Oak Ridge, no effort will be made to locate and interview him unless specifically requested to do so by the Office of Origin.

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THE NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will note from the information on the Administrative Page that no effort will be made to locate WILLIAM F. BOWLAND for interview in the absence of a specific request to do so.

REFERENCE

Pittsburgh letter dated 9/14/55.

Report of SA HENRY A. QUINN, JR., dated 7/15/55 at Knoxville.

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SAC, San Francisco (105-3751)

November 7, 1955

Director, FBI (65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL
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Reurlet 10-20-55.

Interview of Seymour Block authorized.

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FROM : *W* Director, FBI (65-62911)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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ReBulet 10/25/55. Bureau authority granted
to interview Leon Harold Tamarin in accordance with
regulations governing interviews of security subjects. *W*

Prior to such interviews, agents should
completely familiarize themselves with information
concerning Tamarin available in files of New York office,
it being noted that Leon Tamarin was interviewed by
agents of the New York office on 7/14/55, as set forth
in report of SA H. E. Hinderliter, Jr. dated 8/18/55.
captioned "Unknown Subject, was.,
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DATE: November 3, 1955

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Interviews authorized.

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FROM : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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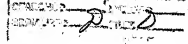
ARNOLD KRAMISH

Butfiles reflect that Arnold Kramish was born [redacted] at Denver, Colorado, son of Polish-born parents who subsequently became U.S. citizens by naturalization. He obtained his B.S. degree from Denver University in 1945; attended City College of New York (ASTP) in 1943-44; and obtained an M.A. degree from Harvard in 1947. He served in U.S. Army from March, 1943, to February, 1946, during which period he performed research work in nuclear physics, and from September, 1944, to May, 1945, was loaned by the Army to the Peregrine Corporation, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. In the Summer, 1946, he assisted in declassification of scientific documents at the Los Alamos project, Los Alamos, New Mexico.

Kramish was granted a Q clearance 6-27-47 at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and was transferred to Washington, D. C., in February, 1949. From 2-7-49 to 10-1-51, Kramish was employed by Atomic Energy Commission as intelligence specialist, Washington, D. C. He was last reported (6-7-54) to be employed by Rand, Inc., Santa Monica, California, with which company he had entered on duty on 10-2-51 as a physical scientist in nuclear energy. Although employed by Rand, Inc., he also served as a classification consultant to the Atomic Energy Commission. Arnold Kramish was subject of AEA - Applicant investigation in 1947 and of an AEA - Employee investigation in 1954. Neither investigation disclosed information of a derogatory nature.

While employed as analyst in the office of the Director of Intelligence of AEA and while in Washington as an employee of Rand, Inc., Kramish served as a contact of the Washington Field office, furnishing information in a number of investigations on a confidential basis. He is said

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to be an advanced student of Russian, Polish and other Slavic languages, has been actively employed in the past in analyzing foreign intelligence relative to scientific developments in Russia and satellite countries and has been described by persons interviewed in connection with his studies as a brilliant student who was considered completely loyal.

It is suggested that he be interviewed in this matter by agents of the Los Angeles office inasmuch as it appears he would have been acquainted with the subject while studying at CCNY and possibly while assigned at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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TO : SAC, New York (65-16756)

DATE: November 10, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI (65-62911)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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Bufiles contain no additional information
which can be identified with Will S. Fisher, Jr., on
the basis of available data.

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FROM : Director, FBI (65-62911)

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ARNOLD ACKERMAN

Other than such as is already available to New York, Bufiles contain no information which can be identified with Arnold Ackerman on the basis of available identifying data.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL, ESPIONAGE - R.

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Rerep SA HAYNE A. THOMPSON, 3/23/55, at Omaha; Bulet
to NY, cc WFO, 4/7/55; Bulet to NY, 11/4/55, requesting his
interview ARNOLD KRAMISH.

KRAMISH now employed Rand Corp., 1625 Eye St. N.W.,
Cafritz Bldg., Wash., D.C.

Attached is copy of Bulet to NY, 11/4/55, for WFO.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 11/18/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/8, 18, 22, 26; 10/7, 10, 12, 17, 18, 26, 28-31; 11/1/55	RE [redacted] hsf/t
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			b6 b7C CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: PEDRO R. RINCONES-BALDO (RINCONES) advised T-1 that during early 1948, he was either introduced to subject by FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC or recalls that the latter mentioned the subject's name. RINCONES could not recall March, 1948 letter from Atlas Trading Corporation to US State Department requesting passport for subject, but stated he may have written the letter at the request of PETRINOVIC. PETRINOVIC described by RINCONES as a Yugoslav, who was naturalized as a citizen of Chile and who accumulated a great wealth in Chilean nitrate business. According to RINCONES, PETRINOVIC deceased during 1950 or 1951, and survived by brothers JUAN and JORGE, residing Venezuela. Latter may have information re KOVAL'S relations with FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC. Mrs. GEORGE DEGENHEIM, Apartment 5B, 1295 Morris Avenue, Bronx, NY, advised that JEAN FINKLESTEIN married to ALEXANDER MORDETZKY, and residing at 1731 Elmcrest St., La Verne, California. Information re last known whereabouts of ARNOLD KRAMISH, JEROME B. CLAPP and LEON SELDIN, set forth. Information re WILLIAM A. ROSE set forth.

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DETAILS:

RE THE SUBJECT'S EMPLOYMENT WITH
THE ATLAS TRADING CORPORATION

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., which were reviewed by SA HAROLD E. CAMPBELL, JR., on July 27, 1954, and August 2, 1954, reflected that GEORGE KOVAL, born December 25, 1913, Sioux City, Iowa, was issued Passport No. 170092 on March 15, 1948, for proposed travel on business for the Atlas Trading Corporation (ATC), New York City, to France, Belgium, Switzerland, Sweden and Poland.

Issuance of the passport was requested by a letter dated March 8, 1948, from the Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York 4, New York, and was signed by Mr. P. R. RINCONES, President. The letter reflected that KOVAL would act as a commissioned representative of the ATC in the countries to which travel was designated in the passport application.

HERBERT CAHN, Treasurer, ATC, New York City, advised SA H. E. HINDERLITER, JR., on February 10, 1955, that he has been employed by the ATC since 1951, and had never known any one by the name of GEORGE KOVAL as having been employed by that concern. CAHN stated that the ATC was incorporated during 1937 by P. R. RINCONES, who sold his interest in the ATC around 1949, and returned to Venezuela where he is a member of the American Chamber of Commerce.

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It is noted that during October, 1955, Dr. VLADIMIR MACEK, a resident of Washington, D.C., was identified by T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, as the head of the Croatian Peasants' Party in the United States.

~~The Croatian Peasants' Party~~ was described by T-2 as an anti-Fascist and anti-Communist group with policy favorable to the United States.

Re JEAN FINKLESTEIN

HERBERT SANDBERG, 451 East 14th Street, New York City, was recontacted on October 10, 1955, regarding the whereabouts of JEAN FINKLESTEIN, whom he had previously described on February 23, 1955, as a woman the subject had been dating just prior to his departure from the United States during 1948. SANDBERG stated that following a careful re-check of his personal records, he believes JEAN FINKLESTEIN resided with her parents at 1295 Morris Avenue, Bronx, New York, rather than 1285 Morris Avenue, Bronx, New York, as he had originally reported.

SANDBERG was unable to furnish additional information concerning FINKLESTEIN or her parents.

On October 17, 1955, GEORGE CHRISTOPHER, Superintendent, apartment building at 1295 Morris Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised that a family with the surname FINKLESTEIN had resided in Apartment 5A, that address, during the approximate period of 1946 - 1952. The family consisted of Mrs. (FNU) FINKLESTEIN, her daughter, JEAN and her two sons, SHELDON and GEORGE. CHRISTOPHER believed that the family moved to California during the early part of 1952.

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Mrs. GEORGE DEGENSHEIM, occupant of [redacted] Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised on October 17, 1955, that she had been casually acquainted with the FINKELSTEIN family during their residence in an adjoining apartment at her present address. She stated that JEAN FINKLESTEIN married ALEXANDER MORDETZKY in Los Angeles, California, shortly after the family moved to that city during 1951 or 1952. JEAN FINKLESTEIN'S last known address is [redacted] Street, La Verne, California.

The indices of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as reviewed on October 18, 1955, reflected no record for ALEXANDER MORDETZKY.

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RE ARNOLD KRAMISH, JEROME B. CLAPP,
AND LEON SELDIN

Re ARNOLD KRAMISH

ELIZABETH MORADE, Secretary, Research Atomic Industry Forum, Inc., [redacted] Avenue, New York City, advised on October 7, 1955, that ARNOLD KRAMISH terminated his employment with that corporation during August, 1955. KRAMISH indicated his home residence as [redacted] Street, Northwest, Washington 8, D.C.

It is noted that JOHN BOZEMAN, a former member of the subject's Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) class at the College of the City of New York, (CCNY), advised SA JOHN B. GRIFFIN on May 4, 1955, that ARNOLD KRAMISH (possibly identical with the ARNOLD KRAMISH described above), was friendly with the subject during the latter's attendance at that college. BOZEMAN also believed that KRAMISH was subsequently employed by the Atomic Energy Commission.

Re JEROME B. CLAPP

Mrs. EDNA HOLMSTEAD, Secretary, General Cable Corporation,

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[redacted] Avenue, New York City, advised on October 12, 1955, that JEROME B. CLAPP terminated his employment with that corporation during the latter part of 1954. During his employment with the General Cable Corporation, CLAPP resided at RD #2, Bound Brook, New Jersey. Mrs. HOLMSTEAD was unable to furnish information pertaining to CLAPP'S present place of employment.

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It is noted that T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available information on May 9, 1955, which identified JEROME CLAPP, [redacted] Avenue, North Plainfield, New Jersey, as one of two men who were being considered as the successor to the subject's position with the Raven Electric Company, New York City.

It is also noted that Mrs. KATHLEEN BEALS, [redacted] Avenue, North Plainfield, New Jersey, advised SA BENSON R. MOORE on July 4, 1955, that JEROME CLAPP moved during 1951 or 1952 to Warrensville Road, Bound Brook, New Jersey.

Re LEON SELDIN

EDWARD POWELL, Office Assistant, Payroll Office, CCNY, advised SA JAMES W. MORGAN on October 26, 1955, that LEON SELDIN was an instructor at that university from September, 1946 until his resignation, effective August, 1948. At the time of his resignation, SELDIN listed his home residence as [redacted] Bronx, New York.

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It is noted that IRVING WEISSMAN, former member of the subject's ASTP class, CCNY, advised SAS WALTER C. GUTHEIL and WILLIAM D. DONAHUE on May 25, 1955, that LEON SELDIN, Electrical Engineering Instructor, CCNY, 1947 - 1948, was closely acquainted with the subject during the period 1946 - 1948.

RE WILLIAM A. ROSE

Lieutenant JOSEPH WARD, Intelligence Section, United States Coast Guard, on October 19, 1955, made available to SA GEORGE W. SCHNEIDER the following information concerning WILLIAM A. ROSE which was reflected in the latter's application dated July 27, 1942, to the United States Coast Guard for an Identification Card:

Name	WILLIAM A. ROSE
Address	71 Ridge Road Rutherford, New Jersey
Born	October 13, 1876 Boston, Massachusetts
Occupation	Contact - Consulting Electrical Engineer
Employer	Raven Electric Company 11 West 25th Street New York City
Coast Guard Identification Card (green) Serial No.	031-712441, issued July 20, 1942

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It is noted that T-3 previously mentioned, made available information on May 9, 1955, that WILLIAM A. ROSE, Contractual Electrical Engineer Consultant with the Raven Electric Company during July, 1942, had information concerning the subject's employment with that company. The informant advised that ROSE identified himself by displaying United States Coast Guard card with Serial No. 712441, issued by the port of New York.

RE ABRAHAM SILVER

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York and the 1940 - 1955 Board of Election records for the Borough of Bronx, caused to be searched by SE DONALD C. STRELETZKY on September 8, 1955, reflected no record for ABRAHAM SILVER, 3470 Cannon Place, Bronx, New York.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services caused to be searched by SA AUGUST J. MICEK on October 7, 1955, reflected no record for ABRAHAM SILVER, [redacted] Bronx, New York.

It is noted that T-3, previously mentioned, made available information on May 9, 1955, which reflected that the subject indicated his residence during 1942 to be [redacted] Bronx, New York, In Care of ABRAHAM SILVER.

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Miscellaneous

T-4, a confidential source abroad, advised on September 7, 1955, that no trace of the subject's travel to Paris, France could be located.

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ENCLOSURE TO LOS ANGELES

One (1) passport photograph of the subject dated
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ENCLOSURE TO NEWARK

One (1) passport photograph of the subject dated
March, 1948.

ENCLOSURE TO WASHINGTON FIELD

One (1) passport photograph of the subject dated
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LEADS

BOSTON

At Boston, Massachusetts

1. Will, through appropriate sources, attempt to develop background information regarding WILLIAM A. ROSE, born October 13, 1876, Boston, Mass.

2. Will check attendance records of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to ascertain if WILLIAM A. ROSE attended that institute and report any available information.

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LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles, California

1. Will contact WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE, VICTORIA SABATTINI, and JONES ORIN YORK regarding the subject.

At La Verne, California

Will attempt to locate Mrs. JEAN FINKLESTEIN MORDETZKY, at [redacted] Street, to interview her concerning her knowledge of subject's activities and associates giving particular emphasis to subject's employment and destination when he departed the US during October, 1948.

NEWARK

At Bound Brook, New Jersey

Will attempt to locate JEROME B. CLAPP at [redacted] to interview him concerning his knowledge of the subject's activities and employment with the Raven Electric Company. Also develop any information concerning the subject's relations with BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, owner of the Raven Electric Company, and WILLIAM A. ROSE, Consulting Engineer for that company during 1942.

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At Rutherford, New Jersey

Will make inquiry at 71 Ridge Road to ascertain if WILLIAM A. ROSE resided at that address; if so, develop all pertinent information. In event WILLIAM A. ROSE is unknown to the present occupant, and if that occupant's residence is subsequent to 1945, will ascertain owner or occupant of residence for period 1942 - 1945 and attempt to locate and interview regarding WILLIAM A. ROSE.

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D.C.

1. Will attempt to locate ARNOLD KRAMISH, at [redacted] Street, Northwest, to interview him regarding his knowledge of subject's activities and associates.

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2. Will locate and interview Dr. VLADIMIR MACEK, head of the Croatian Peasants' Party regarding his knowledge of activities and political sympathies of FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC and latter's operation of ATC, New York City.

3. Will contact ALEXANDER BARMINE regarding the subject.

BALTIMORE (INFORMATION)

At Baltimore, Maryland

One copy of this report has been designated for Baltimore inasmuch as that office is presently conducting investigation re this case.

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At New York, New York

1. Will upon receipt of Bureau authority, interview the following faculty members of CCNY regarding the subject; HAROLD WOLF, Professor HERBERT TAUB, WILLIAM FANE, SADIE SILVERMASTER, CECILE FORLICK. ✓

2. Will attempt to locate LEON SELDIN at [] *dw* []
[] Bronx, to interview him regarding the subject. b6
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3. Will recontact IRVING WEISSMAN in an effort to identify the electrical engineering professor at MIT, who was described by WEISSMAN as a friend of BENJAMIN W. LASSEN.

4. Will review indices regarding FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC to develop any information which might assist this investigation.

5. Will make inquiry at CCNY regarding last known address for Dr. HARRY HANSTEIN and Lieutenant JACOB VITZ, listed as references by subject for AEG.

6. Will recontact Mrs. G. GARDNER, Superintendent, 2004 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, and display a photograph of PAVEL I. ROTOMSKY, Soviet Consulate General in US during 1944, in an effort to establish that subject was in contact with him.

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7. Will recontact GEORGE KOVAL, Fireman, Engine Company No. 35, Bronx, regarding any additional information he may have concerning the subject. *due*

8. Will recontact HERBERT CAHN, Treasurer, ATC, regarding correspondence files of that company for the year 1948. *due*

9. Will report results of contact with following informants: ELSA BERNAUT, MAX ELTPHER, LEON HELFAND, HEDE and PAUL MASSING. *due*

REFERENCE

NY report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, 9/16/55.

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Date November 8, 1955

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New York Field Division (65-16756)

RE: GEORGE KOVAL
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The attached is for your information. If
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Very truly yours,

E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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November 17, 1955

SAC, CHICAGO (65-4049)

GEORGE KOVAL
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Re New York Letter to Bureau, dated October 12, 1955,
captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Houston Office is one copy of
referenced New York letter for assistance in covering lead set
forth therein, which was previously designated for the Chicago
Office.

The following summary of information is being set
forth for the Houston Office who has not received previous
communications concerning this investigation:

- (5) The subject, during 1942, was employed by the Raven
Electric Company, New York, New York, owned by BENJAMIN W.
LASSEN, a prime suspect for the unknown Soviet agent known by
the [redacted] b1

During 1945, the subject was employed in the Health
and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge,
Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have
varied from "unclassified" to "top secret".

In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading
Corporation, New York City, as a "commissioned representative",
he was issued a passport for travel to European countries, which
included Poland.

On October 6, 1948, he departed from the United States
aboard the "SS America", destined for Le Havre, France. His
whereabouts since that period are unknown.

Available background data developed in Sioux City,
Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born United States citizen
of Polish derivation, who departed from the United States in
1932, with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in

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Russia, or outside the United States, from 1932 to 1939, or 1941. He was educated as an Electrical Engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at the College of the City of New York.

On October 3, 1955, Mrs. A. J. FRIEDMAN, [redacted] Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA ROBERT E. FARNER that [redacted] and her father had resided at the above address but moved to an unknown address in 1953. She further stated that she could not furnish any additional information concerning [redacted] or her father, and that no one else in the building could furnish any information concerning [redacted] since they are all new tenants.

On October 3, 1955, JOHN W. ROBINSON, Superintendent of Mails, Ravenswood Branch Post Office Station, 2311 Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, which covers the address of [redacted] furnished SA FARNER a change of address card for one [redacted] first name on middle initial not given, [redacted] Chicago, who moved to [redacted] Houston, Texas, on November 20, 1953.

The files of the Chicago Office contain no information identifiable with [redacted] or S. GERTZ.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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SEYMOUR BLOCK, former professional associate of subject at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, interviewed 11/7/55. Could provide no information re subject's activities or associates away from work; received no indication re subject's political leanings and had no data re subject's background or activities since 1946.

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DETAILS:

AT LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA:

SEYMOUR BLOCK, Physicist, Health Physics Group, Livermore Site, University of California Radiation Laboratory, was interviewed on November 7, 1955, by SA KEITH G. TEETER.

BLOCK advised that he first met the subject in

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about 1944 while both were in the United States Army and were assigned to the Health Physics Group at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. BLOCK said he was acquainted with the subject for about one to one and one-half years under these circumstances. He said he only knew the subject professionally and knew nothing about his social life, outside activities or acquaintances. BLOCK said most of the discussions he had with the subject were related to their work and that he received no indication of the subject's possible political affiliations or nationalistic sympathies.

BLOCK advised that he had no recollection that the subject ever did or said anything in his presence which raised any question in his mind concerning the subject's character, loyalty or patriotism. BLOCK said he was unfamiliar with the subject's background and also he did not have any information regarding the subject's activities after he, BLOCK, left Oak Ridge in 1946.

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In the course of the interview of SEYMOUR BLOCK he advised that one JOHN BRADLEY was a social and professional associate of the subject while they were stationed at Oak Ridge. He advised that BRADLEY is currently employed at the Mounds Laboratory of the Monsanto Chemical Company, Miamisburg, Ohio.

The desirability of having BRADLEY interviewed by the Cincinnati Office is being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin, inasmuch as San Francisco is not aware of the extent of investigation previously conducted and is not in a position to evaluate the desirability of such interview.

Information concerning SEYMOUR BLOCK reflected by Security Files of the San Francisco Operations Office of the AEC, which was set out in mylet of 10/21/55, has not been used in this report as a characterization of BLOCK since it appears that the allegations concerning him were unsubstantiated.

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San Francisco letter to Bureau dated 10/20/55.
Bureau letter to San Francisco dated 11/1/55.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62,911) RM AND SAC, NEW YORK (65-16,936) RM

GEORGE KOVAL
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New York - Origin

Re Chicago letter to Bureau, 11/17/55

A review of the Houston City Directory indicates that the address at [redacted] is occupied by one JOHN H. COLSON and has been so occupied since early 1954. Mr. COLSON was listed as a buyer for ARMOUR AND COMPANY in Houston.

On December 19, 1955, Mrs. RUSSIE O. MILLSON, Clerk, Office of the Superintendent of Mails, advised SA DONALD W. MORRIS that she had no change of address listed for [redacted] or SAM GERTZ, formerly of [redacted]. However, Mrs. MILLSON advised there had been a change of address in August 11, 1953, from [redacted] for one JACK LUBOR to [redacted] Lane, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada.

On December 20, 1955, Mr. ALLYN W. HALE, [redacted] advised SA DONALD W. MORRIS that JOHN COLSON and family resided next door. He stated that at present the COLSONS are on a vacation trip and as best he could recall, they had lived at that address since the latter part of 1953. Prior to that, the house was occupied for a short time by a young Air Force man named [redacted] but he had been transferred. HALE advised the name of [redacted] or SAM GERTZ was unknown to him.

It is noted that JACK LUBOR may be the husband of [redacted] mentioned in relet. However, information to verify this is not in possession of the Houston Office.

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It is further noted the change of address in Chicago for Houston was dated several months after the Houston change of address for JACK LUBOR.

Accordingly, leads to locate and interview JACK LUBOR are left to the discretion of the office of origin.

Houston indices are negative on the above individuals.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

January 5, 1956

SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

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Reference Los Angeles letter to Director dated May 3, 1955,
Bulet to New York dated April 7, 1955, and New York letter to Director
dated October 12, 1955.

Thirty-day mail covers have been placed on the following
relatives of GEORGE KOVAL for the purpose of ascertaining possible leads
as to his present whereabouts:

PEARL SILVER, aunt, [redacted] Avenue, Los Angeles;

EUGENE SILVER, cousin, [redacted] Avenue, Apartment 7,
Los Angeles;

HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL, uncle and aunt, [redacted]
Street, Sherman Oaks, California;

SARAH BEGUN, aunt, [redacted] Avenue, Los Angeles.

Results of these mail covers are not complete as yet.

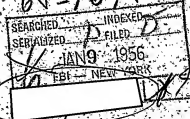
Investigation conducted at Corcoran, California, during
November and December 1955 to ascertain the current whereabouts of ELI
SILVER, cousin of GEORGE KOVAL and twin brother of EUGENE SILVER above,
was conducted by SA PHILIP P. HANLON as follows:

It was ascertained that ELI SILVER has recently married one
JACKIE KLEIN, who has resided at both Oakland, California, and
Los Angeles during the recent months. ELI SILVER is employed as a
ranch foreman for the J. G. Boswell Ranch Company at Corcoran, California.
On November 18, 1955, shortly after his marriage to JACKIE KLEIN, ELI
SILVER was transferred to the J. G. Boswell Ranch at Marionette, Arizona.
SILVER formerly resided at [redacted] Street, Hanford, California.

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A mail cover on EUGENE SILVER, twin brother of ELI SILVER, has reflected that mail was received on December 5, 1955 from SILVER, [REDACTED] Marionette, Arizona.

A mail cover on HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL, as reflected above, beginning on November 26, 1955, reflects numerous correspondence of both commercial and personal nature. It is noted that this mail cover reflects that on December 5, 1955 a communication addressed to GOLDIE GURSHTEL, [REDACTED] Street, Sherman Oaks, California, was received from M. KOVAL, S. Cayetano, F.C.G.R., Republic of Argentina. The postmark on this communication was not legible. On December 9, 1955 a letter was received by GOLDIE GURSHTEL Air Mail from Israel. Sender's name was illegible.

For the information of the Phoenix Office, the following is being set forth:

This investigation is predicated on information that subject was born Sioux City, Iowa, December 25, 1913, December 25, 1914, or September 25, 1914, and resided with his parents, ABRAHAM and ETHEL KOVAL, at 619 Virginia Street, until 1932 when the entire family, including two additional brothers, ISAIAH KOVAL and GABRIEL KOVAL, departed the United States for Russia to settle in Biro-Bidjan Region.

Information was since developed that GEORGE KOVAL was employed by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN at the Raven Electrical Company from 1939 to 1943; entered the United States Army, and was assigned to Manhattan Project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, with access to highly classified material. LASSEN has been identified as a Soviet Agent and is chief suspect for Unknown Subject [REDACTED] KOVAL's whereabouts and activities since 1948 are presently unknown.

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The Bureau has advised by letter dated April 7, 1955 that from information developed it appears quite possible that GEORGE KOVAL accompanied other members of his family to Russia in 1932 where he was recruited into the Soviet Intelligence Service, trained, and dispatched to the United States in the latter part of 1940 or very early part of 1941. The Bureau has stated it is of extreme importance to determine (1) when and how he returned to the United States, and (2) the exact circumstances surrounding his assignment to the project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The Bureau has further instructed that every attempt should be made to determine his possible re-entry into the United States subsequent to his departure in 1948. Bureau instructed Los Angeles to conduct investigation to determine present whereabouts of KOVAL's relatives and to consider the advisability of interviewing those presently residing in the Los Angeles area.

For information of the Phoenix Office, HARRY GURSHTEL, GOLDIE GURSHTEL, and PEARL SILVER are all known to be affiliated with the Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs from early 1954 to the present date.

The following is a description of GEORGE KOVAL taken September 3, 1931 from the files of the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office, Iowa:

Name	GEORGE KOVAL
Address	617 Virginia Street, Sioux City, Iowa
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	27 (1931)
Height	6'
Weight	175 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown (wears glasses)
Complexion	Medium
Marital status	Single
Born	Sioux City, Iowa

Phoenix is requested to place a thirty-day mail cover on ELI SILVER and wife, JACKIE, possibly receiving mail at [redacted] Arizona, and employed for J. G. Boswell Ranch Company. Los Angeles indices reflect no information identifiable with ELI SILVER. Upon completion of mail cover and a telephone toll call cover, Phoenix will consider advisability of interviewing ELI SILVER in line with those instructions set forth in Bulet dated April 7, 1955, described above.

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Prior Bureau authority should be obtained. One photograph of GEORGE KOVAL is being forwarded as an enclosure.

The Bureau is requested to ascertain through liaison with [redacted] the identity of M. KOVAL with address at S. Cayetano, P.C.G.R., Republic of Argentina, who was a correspondent of GOLDIE GURSHTEL, aunt of GEORGE KOVAL, on December 5, 1955, looking toward the possibility that subject may be residing in Argentina. b2

Los Angeles will continue the investigation and upon completion of mail covers requested will set forth information identifying correspondents of subject's relatives and will advise the Bureau of the advisability of conducting interviews of these relatives at Los Angeles in accordance with those instructions contained in New York letter to Director, October 12, 1955, and following the directive of the Bureau set forth in Bulet to Los Angeles, October 25, 1955.

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TO : SAC, New York (65-16756)

DATE: January 6, 1956

FROM : *JHK* Director, FBI (65-62911)SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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For your information, flash notice
has been placed in fingerprint file on subject
in order that Bureau may be advised immediately
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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WILLIAM FANE, Laboratory Assistant, CCNY, advised that subject probably best known to SADIE SILVERMASTER, Electrical Engineering Instructor, CCNY, and IRVING WEISSMAN, a CCNY graduate who attended college with KOVAL. Subject and WEISSMAN, while students at CCNY, assigned project of dismantling classified bombsight. Assignment of project made by either HAROLD WOLF or CECILE FORLICK, faculty members, CCNY. SADIE SILVERMASTER advised FANE that subject departed U.S. 1948, for Europe ultimately destined for Israel. FANE stated subject's ASTP class, CCNY, consisted of young men whose political thinking as a group followed a "liberal and pro-Communist point of view". LEON HAROLD TAMAKIN advised employed with Raven Electric Company, 1940 to 1941. TAMAKIN identified photograph of subject as GEORGE KOVAL who was employed by Raven Electric Company early 1941; unable to furnish information regarding subject's background, activities, or political beliefs. Results of recontact with HERBERT CAHN, Treasurer, Atlas Trading Corporation, NYC, and GEORGE KOVAL, Fireman, NYSPD, Bronx, NY, set forth. No record of LEON SELDIN'S residence at 2830 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY. Subject unknown to HEDE MASSING and informants having knowledge of certain phases of Soviet espionage activities in U.S. and Europe.

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DETAILS:

INTERVIEW WITH WILLIAM FANE

WILLIAM FANE, Laboratory Assistant, Department of Electrical Engineering, College of the City of New York (CCNY), was interviewed by SAS WALTER C. GUTHEIL, JR., and JAMES L. McCARTHY on November 29, 1955, and advised the following:

He recalled GEORGE KOVAL as a member of the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), CCNY, during the approximate period 1943-1944, and later as a student in the Electrical Engineering Department, CCNY, from 1946 through 1948. KOVAL attended laboratory classes regularly during the latter period and is recalled as an "extremely able student of exceptional intelligence". KOVAL was further described as a quiet and serious student who had few, if any, close associates among the student body and faculty members at CCNY. Of those with whom he had any contact at all it is believed he was best known to IRVING WEISSMAN, a fellow student, and SADIE SILVERMASTER, an instructor of electrical engineering, who is presently employed at CCNY in that capacity.

KOVAL and WEISSMAN, while students at CCNY, were assigned a highly technical project of dismantling a bombsight, which project was assigned to them by either HAROLD WOLF, formerly in charge of the Electrical Engineering Department, CCNY, or CECILE FORLICK, the present head of that department. The reason and justification of assigning a project involving a classified piece of equipment to students are unknown to FANE.

FANE described his association with KOVAL as being restricted to that of instructor - student relationship and therefore was unable to comment concerning KOVAL'S political beliefs and background. He recalled that during 1948, SADIE SILVERMASTER advised him that KOVAL was planning to depart the United States in 1948

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for Europe with an ultimate destination of Israel. He also recalled that KOVAL had a "contact" for the purchase of electrical appliances and equipment at an electrical retail store located on the corner of Flatbush Avenue and Lafayette Street, Brooklyn, New York. He believed that the store, the title of which is unknown to FANE, is presently located at the same address.

FANE stated that it is his opinion that the subject's ASTP class at CCONY consisted of young men whose political thinking as a group followed a "liberal and pro-Communist point of view." He described the ASTP at CCONY as a "drastic mistake made by the U. S. Army" in that it selected a college reputed to have a faculty infested with pro-Communist and liberal-minded individuals. FANE declared he was unable to furnish specific information concerning his above mentioned opinion and allegation.

INTERVIEW WITH LEON HAROLD TAMARIN

LEON HAROLD TAMARIN, [redacted] Street, Queens Village, Long Island, New York, was interviewed on December 21, 1955, by SAS WALTER C. GUTHEIL, JR., and WILLIAM D. DONOHUE and advised the following:

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He was employed by the Raven Electric Company (REC) located in New York City, and operated by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN from approximately the spring of 1940 until late 1941. He stated he obtained the employment by answering a want advertisement and noted that he had been working in Hudson, New York, prior to his employment with the REC. He was one of three employees originally hired by LASSEN. He identified one of the employees as ARTHUR OBERSTEIN, a salesman, but could not recall the identity of the third employee. He described the REC as a wholesale and retail electrical outlet having a sales contract with the General Electric Company for the sale of light bulbs. He described LASSEN as a "poor businessman who was hindered in the operation of his business by his wife, GERTRUDE". He had no reason to suspect LASSEN of being involved in subversive activities.

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He identified a passport photograph of the subject, taken during 1948, as GEORGE KOVAL who was employed with the REC during early 1941. He worked with KOVAL for approximately seven months, but had little contact with him. TAMARIN recalled KOVAL as a quiet, intelligent individual who apparently was closely acquainted with LASSEN. TAMARIN did not recall any information concerning KOVAL'S background, activities, or political beliefs. He could not recall an incident or a statement made by KOVAL or LASSEN which suggested the possibility that they were related. TAMARIN stated that his father, FRANK TAMARIN, and mother, DORA, nee LOSSEFF, residing at [redacted] Bronx, New York, knew LASSEN in Russia, and might possibly have some information concerning the nature of the relationship between KOVAL and LASSEN. TAMARIN stated that his cousin, HAROLD TAMARIN, 161-04 Jewell Avenue, Queens, Long Island, New York, was employed by the REC, 1944-1945, and his father, FRANK, was employed by the REC for a few months during 1943.

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TAMARIN stated he did not know WILLIAM A. ROSE or JEROME B. CLAPP, and denied having knowledge that he, TAMARIN, had been considered as a replacement for GEORGE KOVAL'S position with the REC during the summer of 1942. He emphatically stated that he had no further contact with the REC or BENJAMIN W. LASSEN after he left the company during the latter part of 1941.

BENJAMIN W. LASSEN

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised the following information during July, 1952 attributed to T-2, whom T-1, has described as having supplied accurate information in the past, but who has not always supplied complete information and has apparently withheld information on various occasions.

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(S) Based upon the known activities and background of BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, owner of the Raven Electric Company, New York City, it was the informant's opinion that [redacted] is identical with the unknown Soviet Agent [redacted]

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WILLIAM A. ROSE

T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on May 9, 1955, which reflected that WILLIAM A. ROSE, Contractual Electrical Engineering Consultant with the REC during July, 1942, had information concerning the subject's employment with the REC.

JEROME B. CLAPP

T-5, previously mentioned, made available information on May 9, 1955, which reflected that on June 22, 1942, BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, owner of the REC, New York City, indicated that LEON TAMARIN, [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, and JEROME B. CLAPP, [redacted] North Plainfield, New Jersey, were described by LASSEN as possible successors to KOVAL'S position at the REC.

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ARTHUR OBERSTEIN

ARTHUR OBERSTEIN [redacted] Newark, New Jersey, was interviewed at Newark, New Jersey, on March 3, 1952, by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time OBERSTEIN advised that he and MAXIM HALPERIN, who operates a business at 4 West 22nd Street, New York City, assisted BENJAMIN W. LASSEN in establishing an electrical supply business in New York City around 1940. OBERSTEIN noted that he was introduced to LASSEN by HALPERIN, whom he described as being friendly with the former. OBERSTEIN stated that he believed LASSEN was a Soviet spy because of the secretive nature in which he did business.

HAROLD TAMARIN

SIDNEY ROTHSTEIN, [redacted] Attorney handling the general assignment of the REC, in favor of creditors, made available on February 14, 1952, various books and records relating to the operation of that company to SA JOHN L. FAGAN and SA(A) LOUIS H. WOIWODE.

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The records disclosed that HAROLD TAMARIN, [redacted] New York City, was employed with the REC from November 1, 1948, to November 3, 1950.

HAROLD NORMAND JOSEPH, residing at [redacted] Street, Forest Hills, New York, advised SAS WESLEY T. WHALEY and PERKIN C. BYARS, Jr., on July 19, 1950, that HAROLD TAMARIN, an employee of the REC, resided at [redacted] New York City. JOSEPH stated that HAROLD TAMARIN, his uncle, EMIL TAMARIN, and a cousin, LEON TAMARIN, frequently praised the principles of Communism and in JOSEPH'S opinion had attempted to influence his thinking in that direction during conversations he had with them.

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INFORMATION FURNISHED BY HERBERT CAHN

HERBERT CAHN, Treasurer and Co-owner of the Atlas Trading Corporation (ATC), 17 Battery Place, New York City, was recontacted on December 27, 1955, and advised that the correspondence files of the ATC for the year 1948, were stored in a warehouse located at 97 Gold Street, New York City. CAHN stated that he would advise the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation when the files would be available for review.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., as reviewed by SA HAROLD L. CAMPBELL, JR., on July 27, 1954, and August 2, 1954, reflected that issuance of a passport for the subject was requested by a letter dated March 8, 1948, from the ATC, 17 Battery Place, New York City.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY GEORGE KOVAL,
FIREMAN, NEW YORK CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT,
BRONX, NEW YORK

GEORGE KOVAL, Fireman, New York City Fire Department (NYCFD), Engine Company #35, East 119th Street, Bronx, New York, was recontacted on November 29, 1955, and advised that he recalls that the name GEORGE KOVAL was listed in the "New York Journal American" (a daily newspaper) during the spring of 1951 or 1952, as a winner of \$500 in the Irish Sweepstakes. Mr. KOVAL stated that with the exception of the above, he is unable to furnish additional information concerning the subject.

GEORGE KOVAL was originally interviewed concerning the subject on August 6, 1954, by SA HARRY E. HINDERLITER, JR., at which time he pointed

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out that mail apparently addressed to the subject had been delivered to him by mistake.

REGARDING LEON SELDIN

FRANK HARBECK, Superintendent, [redacted]
[redacted] Bronx, New York, advised on November 20, 1955, that his records reflect no record of tenancy for LEON SELDIN. HARBECK suggested that MOLLY GELBA, Proprietor of the property at [redacted], Bronx, New York, be contacted concerning LEON SELDIN.

MOLLY GELBA, described above, was contacted at her place of business, [redacted] New York City, on November 28, 1955, and made a review of tenancy records for the apartment house at [redacted] Bronx, for the years 1940 to present, which failed to reflect a residence record for LEON SELDIN or for the surname SELDIN.

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IRVING WEISSMAN, a member of the subject's ASTP class, CCNY, advised SAS GUTHEIL and DONOHUE on May 25, 1955, that LEON SELDIN, Electrical Engineering instructor, CCNY, 1947-1948, was closely acquainted with the subject during the period 1946-1948.

EDWARD POWELL, Office Assistant, Payroll Office, CCNY, advised SA JAMES W. MORGAN on October 26, 1955, that LEON SELDIN was an instructor at that university from September, 1946 until his resignation, effective August, 1948. At the time of his resignation SELDIN listed his home residence as [redacted] Bronx, New York.

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MISCELLANEOUS

HEDE MASSING, a confessed former Soviet espionage agent who operated until 1937 in the United States and Europe, was contacted on December 13, 1955, by SA GEORGE G. McKENNA and advised that the subject's photograph and name were unknown to her.

~~Informants, having knowledge of certain phases of Soviet espionage activities in the United States and Europe, were contacted during November and December, 1955, regarding the subject with negative results.~~

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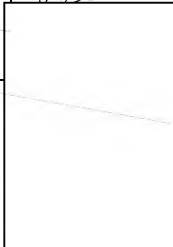
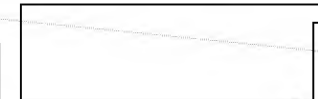
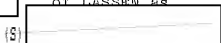


Possible
identification
of LASSEN as

July,
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Bronx,
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Used to document JEROME B. CLAPP.

Informants contacted regarding subject with
negative results:

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	11/14/55	11/14/55	SA VINCENT J. CAHILL
	11/15/55	11/15/55	SA GEORGE G. McKENNA


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	11/22/55	11/22/55	
	12/6/55	12/6/55	SA GEORGE G. McKENNA

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Careful consideration has been given to each concealed source, and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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When interviewed, LEON HAROLD TAMARIN volunteered the following background information which will be set forth in order to differentiate him from his cousins, LEON (NMI) TAMARIN and HAROLD TAMARIN, of interest to instant investigation:

LEON HAROLD TAMARIN is the son of FRANK TAMARIN and DOHA TAMARIN, nee LOSSEFF, Russian immigrants who immigrated to the United States around 1910. He was born February 23, 1915, at Hudson, New York. He graduated from high school in Hudson, New York, where he resided until 1940. He attended Manhattan College, Bronx, New York, during 1946.

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He resided at 2126 Benson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, from 1940 through 1950, and at 82-40 229th Street, Queens Village, Long Island, New York, from 1950 to present. He is married to PAULINE, nee GERTZ, and has two children, [REDACTED]

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He served in the Signal Corps of the United States Army from April 2, 1943 until March 13, 1945. During the period 1940-1943, he was employed as a "counterman" with the Raven Electric Company, and later the Universal Electric Company, both located in New York City. From 1945 until 1947, he operated his own business in New York City known as Talle and Company. From 1947 to present he has been employed as an Insurance Agent with the Unity Life and Accident Insurance Company, Queens Village, Long Island, New York.

He denied membership in the Communist Party, or in any organization known or reputed to be an instrument of the Communist Party. He described as "possible" that he had signed Communist Party nominating petitions while a resident of 2126 Benson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

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LEADS

NEWARK

At Newark, New Jersey

Will attempt to locate ARTHUR OBERSTEIN at [REDACTED] Avenue, to interview him concerning the subject, WILLIAM A. ROSE and JEROME B. CLAPP.

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LEADS (CONT'D)

NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, New York

1. Will attempt to locate electrical retail store on corner of ~~Flattush Avenue and Lafayette~~ Street, Brooklyn, New York, to make inquiry concerning subject.

At Bronx, New York

1. Will interview FRANK and DORA TAMARIN at [redacted] Bronx, concerning BENJAMIN W. LASSEN and subject.

*2. Will recontact Mrs. G. GARDNER, Superintendent, [redacted] Bronx, and display a photograph of PAVEL I. ROTOMSKY, Soviet Consulate General in United States during 1944, in an effort to establish that subject was in contact with him.

At Queens, New York

1. Will attempt to locate HAROLD TAMARIN at his reported residence [redacted] Queens, Long Island, New York, to interview him concerning the subject.

At New York, New York

1. Will, at office of "New York Journal-American", attempt to identify the GEORGE KOVAL who reportedly was listed in that newspaper during the spring of 1951 or 1952, as the winner of \$500.00 in the Irish Sweepstakes.

2. Will, at CCNY, attempt to develop additional background data concerning LEON SELDIN to ascertain his present whereabouts to interview him concerning the subject.

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At New York, New York (Cont'd)

3. Will, at [redacted] New York City, review 1948 correspondence files of the Atlas Trading Corporation to develop information concerning the subject's alleged affiliation with that firm.

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4. Will interview following faculty members of CCNY regarding the subject: HAROLD WOLF, HERBERT TAUB, SADIE SILVERMASTER nad CECILE FORLICK.

*5. Will recontact IRVING WEISSMAN in an effort to identify the electrical engineering professor at MIT, who was described by WEISSMAN as a friend of BENJAMIN W. LASSEN.

*6. Will review indices regarding FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC to develop any information which might assist this investigation.

*7. Will make inquiry at CCNY regarding last known address for Dr. HARRY HANSTEIN and Lieutenant JACOB VITZ, listed as references by subject for AEC.

REFERENCE Report of SA WALTER G. GUTHEIL, JR., 11/18/55, New York.

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Re Houston airtel 12/22/55 to Bureau.

Referenced airtel reflects that JACK LUBOR, possibly identifiable as husband of GRACE GERTZ LUBOR, subject's cousin, on 8/11/53 indicated a change of address from [redacted] Houston, Texas, to [redacted] Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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LEAD

SALT LAKE CITY

At Salt Lake City, Utah

Attempt to locate JACK LUBOR at Las Vegas, Nevada to determine if he is the husband of GRACE GERTZ LUBOR, if so, and in absence of derogatory information interview latter regarding her knowledge of subject's background and activities with emphasis as to whether or not subject returned to Russia in 1932 with his family.

Information regarding the subject's last known departure from US during 1948 and his present whereabouts should be developed. Identify all sources of information regarding KOVAL known to GRACE LUBOR and ascertain whether KOVAL has been in contact with relatives in US.

Ascertain whereabouts of SAM GERTZ, subject's uncle, and set out necessary leads to locate and interview him.

Investigation concerning subject has established

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that during 1942 he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, New York, New York, owned by BENJAMIN M. LASSEN, a prime suspect for the unknown Soviet agent known by the [redacted]. During 1945 he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "unclassified" to "top secret." In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "commissioned representative," he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On 10/6/48, he departed the United States aboard the "SS America" destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts since that period are unknown. Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born United States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932 with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia, or outside the United States, from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an Electrical Engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at the College of the City of New York.

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TO : SAC, New York (65-16756)

DATE: 1/6/56

FROM : SAC, Newark (65-4778)

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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OO: NEW YORK

Re: Report of SA [redacted] dated
11/18/55 at New York

Mrs. D. R. GATES, [redacted] Rutherford,
New Jersey, advised Special Agent LOUIS F. HIBAN, JR.
on 12/29/55 that she owned the residence at [redacted]
Rutherford, N.J. from about 1941 to 1944 and that
WILLIAM A. ROSE rented a room from her at [redacted]
from 1941 to 1944.

GATES stated that she received a letter from
ROSE's wife, BERTHA CALLEY ROSE, [redacted]
Boston, Mass. in 1949 stating that WILLIAM A. ROSE had
died in the spring of 1949.

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Date: January 16, 1956 BY COURIER SERVICE

To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Investigation in this matter has disclosed that on 12-5-55 Golda Gurshtel, Sherman Oaks, California, aunt of George Koval, received a communication from "M. Koval, S. Cayetano, F. G. G. R., Republic of Argentina." From prior reports forwarded to you in this matter it appears quite possible that the author of this communication may in fact be George Koval whose whereabouts since 1948 is unknown.

Inasmuch as circumstances indicate the probable implication of subject in Soviet espionage operations, we would be most interested in determining his present whereabouts. Consequently, it would be greatly appreciated if you could determine the identity of the M. Koval in Argentina. In view of the fact that other investigation depends somewhat on the results of your inquiry, your prompt attention would be much appreciated.

For your convenience 2 copies of each of 3 photographs of George Koval are attached and his description is set forth below:

Sex -	Male
Race -	White
Born -	Dec. 25, 1913, Sioux City, Iowa
Height -	6'1"
Weight -	170-175 pounds
Hair -	Black - dark brown
Eyes -	Brown
Complexion -	Medium-dark
Occupation -	Electrical Engineer
Marital Status -	Single

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cc - 1 - New York (65-16756) (Info)
cc - 1 - Los Angeles (65-6124) (Info)

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

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REPORT MADE AT NEWARK	DATE WHEN MADE JAN 31 1956	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/27, 28, 29/55 1/16, 18, 20/55	REPORT MADE BY ROLLO V. CLARK, JR.	MR
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

Classified per OGA letter dtd 07/14/2010

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WILLIAM A. ROSE, who formerly resided at 71 Ridge Road, Rutherford, N.J., is deceased. JEROME B. CLAPP, Bound Brook, N.J., advised he does not know GEORGE KOVAL or WILLIAM A. ROSE. CLAPP advised he was offered job at RAVEN ELECTRIC CO., New York City, N.Y., in 1942 by BENJAMIN LASSEN, which he refused to accept.

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DETAILS:

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available information on May 9, 1955, that WILLIAM A. ROSE, Contractual Electrical Engineer Consultant with the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY during July, 1942, had information concerning GEORGE KOVAL's employment with that company. The Informant advised that ROSE identified himself by displaying a United States Coast Guard Card with Serial No. 712441, issued by the Port of New York.

Lieutenant JOSEPH WARD, Intelligence Section, United States Coast Guard, on October 19, 1955, made available to SA GEORGE W. SCHNEIDER the following information concerning WILLIAM A. ROSE, which was reflected in the latter's application dated July 27, 1942, to the United States Coast Guard for an Identification Card:

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Name: WILLIAM A. ROSE
Address: 71 Ridge Rd.
Rutherford, N.J.
Born: October 13, 1876
Boston, Mass.
Occupation: ~~Contractual Electrical~~ ^{CONTACT CONSULTING}
~~Engineer Consultant~~
Employer: RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY
11 West 25th St.
New York City
Coast Guard Identification Card (green) Serial
No.: 031-712441, issued July
20, 1942.

Mrs. D.R. GATES, [redacted] Rutherford, N.J., advised SA LOUIS F. HIBAN, JR. on December 29, 1955, that she owned the residence at [redacted] Rutherford, N.J., from about 1941 to 1944, and that WILLIAM A. ROSE rented a room from her at [redacted] Rutherford, N.J., from 1941 to 1944. She stated that she received a letter from ROSE's wife, BERTHA CALLEY ROSE, [redacted] Boston, Mass., in 1949, stating that WILLIAM A. ROSE had died in the Spring of 1949.

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T-1 made available information on May 9, 1955, which identified JEROME CLAPP, [redacted] North Plainfield, N.J., as one of two men who were being considered as the successor to GEORGE KOVAL's position with the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY, New York City, N.Y., in 1942.

JEROME B. CLAPP, Manufacturers Representative, 26 Journal Square, Jersey City, N.J., residence - Warrenville Road, RFD #2, Bound Brook, N.J., former residence - [redacted] North Plainfield, N.J., advised on January 16, 1956, that he does not know GEORGE KOVAL or WILLIAM A. ROSE.

CLAPP stated that he met BENJAMIN LASSEN, Owner of the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY, New York City, N.Y., in 1942 through ARTHUR T. MARIS. He stated that he, CLAPP, was employed as a Sales Engineer by the JAMES R. KEARNEY CORP.,

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30 Church St., New York City, N.Y., in 1942, and that he became acquainted with ARTHUR T. MARIS in New York City, N.Y., while attempting to sell a coal mine located in Ohio. He stated that MARIS loaned money to LASSEN, obtained light bulb contracts from buildings in New York City for LASSEN, who had a General Electric light contract, and recommended people to LASSEN for employment at the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY. He advised that MARIS said he would like to take over the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY and the GENERAL ELECTRIC light contract held by LASSEN.

CLAPP stated that MARIS asked him in 1942 to take a job as a "front" in the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY and to sell surplus Government property that LASSEN had purchased. He stated MARIS indicated that LASSEN needed someone in the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY to manage the business and meet the public because LASSEN was not a very good business man. He stated that he went to the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY in 1942 and talked with LASSEN about working for the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY. He advised that LASSEN wanted him to work for the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY and sell surplus Government property which LASSEN had purchased. He stated that after looking over the surplus Government property and the stock of the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY, he refused to accept the job. He stated that MARIS still wanted him to take the job with the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY as late as 1944, but that he refused to accept the job. He advised that this was the last he heard of the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY, and that LASSEN was the only individual he knew, except for MARIS, who was connected with the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY.

CLAPP stated that LASSEN was a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a lifetime member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

CLAPP advised that MARIS was a "playboy" and was living off the income of an estate. He stated that MARIS' father had made a fortune either in the Pennsylvania Railroad or the Pullman Company. He stated that MARIS associated with high society, but was also a person of low moral character, in that he drank to excess and continually associated with prostitutes. He stated that at that time MARIS had an apartment near the corner of [redacted], New York City, N.Y. He advised he believed MARIS was a Harvard graduate, and that

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he would be about 65 or 67 years of age if he is still alive. He stated that MARIS would be able to furnish more information concerning the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY, LASSEN and anyone that worked for the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY if he is alive and can be located.

CLAPP stated that he had never had any reason to believe or suspect that LASSEN and MARIS were involved in subversive activity.

One ARTHUR MARIS, 145 East 74th St., New York City, N.Y., was interviewed by SA JOHN L. FAGAN on January 30, 1952, at which time he stated that he had no information as to the whereabouts of the LASSENS, and that his last contact with them was in December, 1950, when LASSEN agreed to withdraw a law suit against him. MARIS stated the withdrawal agreement resulted from his offer to give LASSEN a commission on some refrigerators he, MARIS, had sold using the name of the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.

T-2, a confidential source abroad, advised that T-3, whom T-2 has described as having supplied accurate information in the past but who has not always supplied complete information and has apparently withheld information on various occasions, furnished the following during July, 1952:

(S) Based upon the known activities and background of BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, Owner of the RAVEN ELECTRIC COMPANY, New York City, it was T-3's opinion that LASSEN is identical with the unknown Soviet Agent [REDACTED] b1

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The files of the Newark Office of the FBI contain no information identifiable with WILLIAM A. ROSE and JEROME B. CLAPP, mentioned above.

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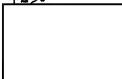
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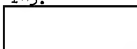
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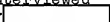


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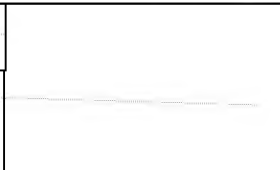
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This report has been classified "~~Secret~~" [redacted]
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* Will attempt to locate ARTHUR OBERSTEIN at [redacted]
[redacted] to interview him concerning the subject, WILLIAM
A. ROSE and JEROME B. CLAPP.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted], dated 11/18/55, at
New York.
Report of SA [redacted], dated 1/11/56, at
New York.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY (65-16756) ✓

DATE: Feb. 2, 1956

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: George Koval
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Bayshore R/H is requested to conduct following investigation at Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, L.D. NY:

Obtain back ground data re Stuart D. Bloom, Electrical Engineer employed at Brookhaven since around 1953. Noted that Bloom allegedly has information concerning subject's present whereabouts.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT: NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT: WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 12/31/56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 12/31/55, 1/4, 6,9-11/56	REPORT MADE BY: ROBERT E. CAMPBELL <i>ejm</i>
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ARNOLD KRAMISH advised he attended GC NY, in ASTP with the subject in 1943 and 1944. He subsequently was employed at Oak Ridge and knew subject there. KRAMISH had no reason to question subject's loyalty to the U.S. and unable to furnish information concerning the subject's background except that he had worked for an electrical supply company. Subject last seen by KRAMISH in 1946 in NYC. ALEXANDER EARLINE unable to identify subject from photo. Background information on FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

ARNOLD KRAMISH, Senior Staff Member, Physics Division, Rand Corporation, 1625 I Street, NW, was interviewed on January 4, 1956, by SAs HOLLES H. KEITER, Jr., and ROBERT E. CAMPBELL. He advised that he entered the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) at City College, of New York (CCNY) about August, 1943, and was a classmate of the subject there for about a year after which both were transferred to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where they were assigned to different projects.

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KRAMISH indicated that the subject was employed in Oak Ridge, at the Clinton Laboratory on the Manhattan Project, which project KRAMISH believed was classified "Top Secret." KRAMISH did not know the subject's specific duties on this project but stated that he worked at the Health Physics Laboratory. KRAMISH indicated that he was very close to the subject both at GONY and at Oak Ridge. He described the subject as the oldest in the ASTF group and a person who was hard drinking, liked women, and who knew New York City better than any of their group.

KRAMISH had no recollection of the subject ever making any statements as to political beliefs and he was unable to recall any occasion arising in which KOVAL engaged in political discussion and he could recall nothing which would have made him question the subject's loyalty.

After getting out of the service KRAMISH advised that he and JOHN BOZEMAN, another member of the ASTF group, had met the subject in 1946 in New York, at a residence which he believed was on Valentine Street and since 1946, he has had no contact with the subject. KRAMISH knew nothing of subject's background prior to the time he attended GONY in 1943, except that he had worked for some electrical supply company. KRAMISH advised that the following two persons were associates of the subject at Oak Ridge:

STEWART BLOOM, presently a physicist at
Brookhaven National Laboratory, Long
Island, New York

ROBERT L. STERNBERG, physicist, Applied
Mathematics Laboratory for Electron-
ics, Boston, Massachusetts;
presently residing at [redacted] b7C
[redacted] Boston, Massa-
chusetts.

On January 6, 1956, KRAMISH was recontacted and advised that the following persons were in the same ASTF group at GONY as the subject, and would know him:

BERT DUDMAN
MUMPER
JOSEPH KRZYZOSTA
WILL FISHER

NEW VREELAND
FARNSWORTH NEW
STERNBERG
JOHN BOZEMAN

RAY JOHNSON
FRANK McGRACKIN
HOWELL
GURL

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KHAMISH further advised that FOREST WESTERN, presently with the Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C., might possibly have been subject's supervisor at Oak Ridge.

ALEXANDER BARMINE, Chief, Russian Section, Voice of America, United States Information Agency, who has displayed a broad knowledge of Soviet intelligence operations up until 1937 and who was acquainted with a number of individuals engaged in this work, was contacted on January 9, 1956, by SAs PAUL H. FIELDS, Jr., and ROBERT E. CAMPBELL, and was unable to identify the subject from photographs or from his name.

FOREST WESTERN, Health Physicist, Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C., was contacted telephonically on January 10, 1956, at which time he advised that he did not know the subject, but recalled that the subject had been at Oak Ridge prior to his arrival there.

Re FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC, Dr. VLADIMIR MACEK, exiled president of the Croatian Peasants' Party, 409 Quackenbos Street, NE, Washington, D. C., was interviewed by SAs ROBERT A. WEIRMS and ROBERT E. CAMPBELL on January 4, 1956.

Dr. MACEK stated that he believed FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC was born in Dalmatia, and prior to World War I, had gone to South America. MACEK knew nothing of PETRINOVIC's personal background and advised that he had met him once about 1920 in Zagreb, when PETRINOVIC had a conference with the then president of the Yugoslav Peasants' Party. MACEK stated that he was present at this conference but did not participate. He never again met PETRINOVIC, but knew him by reputation as a very wealthy man who had supported King ALEXANDER and later TITO's Communists in Yugoslavia. MACEK stated that he did not believe that PETRINOVIC followed any party lines but gave his support to the party in control in Yugoslavia, with the sole purpose of bettering this country, concerning which he was very enthusiastic.

According to MACEK, PETRINOVIC had not been a supporter of the Croatian Peasants' Party in the United States. He knew nothing concerning the Atlas Trading Company, PETRINOVIC's business or business associates, as he had no contact with him in the United States.

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Dr. BRANKO PESCELY, Attorney, Empire Plaza Building, Washington, D. C., who is affiliated with the Croatian Peasants' Party and familiar with Yugoslav affairs, was interviewed on January 6, 1956. PESCELY stated that FRANCISGO PETRINOVIC had emigrated from Yugoslavia (then Austria-Hungary) before World War I, and settled in Chile in South America. There he was in the nitrate business in the firm of PETRINOVIC and BAEURIZZA. While in South America, PETRINOVIC had been president of the Yugoslavian National Committee in South America, and supported the New State of Yugoslavia following World War I.

PESCELY advised that he had met PETRINOVIC in the United States in 1947, 1948, and 1949, through Dr. JOSE PODUSE of Combined Argosia Shipping Company, 576 Fifth Avenue, New York. PESCELY indicated that PETRINOVIC was a man with international business interests and extremely wealthy. He stated PETRINOVIC traveled throughout the world and was in the United States during World War II. He stated that one of PETRINOVIC's business interests was the Atlas Trading Company of New York City, but he did not know his exact connection with this firm.

Concerning PETRINOVIC's political sympathies, PESCELY stated that PETRINOVIC was not active in politics although under the last Yugoslav royal government in 1944, he had been appointed as president of the Yugoslav Red Cross and subsequently resigned when TITO came into power. PESCELY indicated that PETRINOVIC had no political ties as a Communist or non-Communist, but rather was a man who was interested in Yugoslavia primarily as a country.

During World War II, while in the United States, PETRINOVIC served as president of the Yugoslav Red Cross outside of Yugoslavia. PESCELY indicated that he was not a close associate of PETRINOVIC and that if additional information was desired, Dr. JOSE PODUSE, previously mentioned, would know more concerning him.

PESCELY advised that PETRINOVIC was not a supporter of the Croatian Peasants' Party. He further stated that PETRINOVIC had died about 1950, and that his estate in South America was managed by MILO ILIC, 361 Santa Lucia, Chile.

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No leads are being set out to interview STEWART BLOOM and ROBERT L. STERNBERG mentioned on Page 2, inasmuch as Washington Field Office is unaware of the extent of investigation conducted by the New York Office.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED], dated November 18, 1955, at New York. b7C

Los Angeles airtel to the Director dated November 14, 1955.

Bureau letter to New York dated November 4, 1955.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-62911) (REGISTERED)

DATE: 1/25/56

FROM : SAC, Phoenix (65-831)

Attention:

☒ Domestic Intelligence Division

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R
(OO - New York)

☐ Investigative Division

Name: ELI SILVER

Address: P. O. Box 16, Marinette, Arizona

Type of Mail: All mail received at that box.

Type of Cover: Return Addresses.

Period Covered: 30 days.

Purpose of Cover: ELI SILVER is a cousin of GEORGE KOVAL, subject of this case and suspected Russian Espionage Case. KOVAL'S whereabouts since 1948 are presently unknown and it is thought SILVER might be in contact with KOVAL.

Justification: (Comment on necessity, desirability, productivity, possibility of embarrassment to Bureau. If necessary continue on extra page.)

In Los Angeles letter to Phoenix, 1/5/56, it was pointed out that ELI SILVER previously worked for J.G. BOSWELL Ranch at Corcoran, California, and was recently transferred to the J. G. BOSWELL Ranch at Marinette, Arizona. This letter states KOVAL was quite possibly recruited into the Soviet Intelligence Service while he was in Russia from 1932 to 1940-41. KOVAL'S whereabouts since 1948 are unknown. Bureau instructed Los Angeles to conduct investigation to locate and determine advisability of interviewing relatives of KOVAL. It is noted that ELI SILVER and his wife JACKIE, whom he recently married, reside in a house belonging to the J.G. BOSWELL Ranch Co., at Marinette, Arizona. Marinette is almost wholly owned by the J. G. BOSWELL Ranch Co. and consists of the offices and buildings of this company. The homes are owned by the company and are used to house the company's employees. The operators of the combination store and post office are Mr. and Mrs. OSCAR MONREAL. This is the only store in Marinette, Arizona. Mrs. MONREAL is the Postmistress and Mr. MONREAL is the Assistant Postmaster. These two individuals have been contacted in the past and have proven reliable. Mr. MONREAL advised that SILVER is the sole recipient of mail at [redacted]

Postmaster to whom Form FD-115 will be directed if authorized: The letter requesting the Mail Cover will be sent to Mrs. OSCAR MONREAL, Postmistress at Marinette, Arizona.
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TO : SAC, NEW YORK(65-16756)(6)

DATE:

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FROM : SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Re memo of SA [REDACTED] 2/2/56.

JOSEPH WASHBURN, Supervisor of Employment, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, N.Y. on 2/2/56 made available for review the file of STEWARD D. BLOOM. This personnel file reflects that BDOOM is an Associate Physicist, Department of Physics and has b7C been in the employ of the Laboratory since July 18, 1952. He resides at [REDACTED] Patchogue, N.Y. Tel. Pat. 3-2790 M. He was born 8/22/23 at Chicago, Ill. He was educated at University of Chicago 1941-1943, CCNY, N.Y.C. Degree in Electrical Engineering September 1943-September 1944, University of Chicago B.Sc. 8/46; M.Sc. 12/48; PHD 3/52. He had military service in the U.S. Army 1943-1946. As of 12/14/51 he resided at [REDACTED] Chicago, Ill. He worked on the Manhattan Project from 9/44 to 3/46. For organizational membership he noted the Book Find Club and the American Veterans' Committee.

There is no derogatory information in the file.

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SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (65-1237)

GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York letter 1/16/56.

On 1/31/56, RAY T. TURNER, OSI, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised SA LESLIE B. DIECKMAN that a check of the Base Locator Files did not reflect that JACK LUBOR is or has been stationed at Nellis Air Force Base.

On 1/31/56, WILLIAM BROWN, Chief of Civilian Personnel, Nellis Air Force Base, advised SA LESLIE B. DIECKMAN that a search of civilian personnel records did not reflect that JACK LUBOR is or has been employed at Nellis Air Force Base.

On 2/1/56, VERA LEE KILMENEK, Clerk, Record Bureau, Las Vegas, Nevada, PD, and UNA GAMBELL, Clerk, Identification Bureau, Clark County SO, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised SA FORD E. HOLMES there was no record of JACK LUBOR in the files of their respective departments.

On 2/1/56, records of the Credit Bureau of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, were checked by SA FORD E. HOLMES, and no record was located for JACK LUBOR.

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SAC, BOSTON (65-3981)

GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

(OO - New York)

Re Newark letter dated January 6, 1956.

Birth records of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, were reviewed on December 6, 1955 by SA EDWARD J. DUNN, JR. Page 188 of Volume 279 of the Birth Records indicated that one WILLIAM ALDEN ROSE was born on October 13, 1876 at Boston, Massachusetts. His parents were listed as FABINS ROSE, born at Turner, Maine and FANNY B. ROSE, born Eastport, Maine.

Alumni records and scholastic records of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, were reviewed on December 6, 1955 and January 17, 1956 by SA EDWARD J. DUNN, JR. No record was located for WILLIAM A. ROSE.

Miss ANN FORTE, Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised on January 27, 1956 that she could locate no record for WILLIAM A. ROSE.

Personnel of the Massachusetts State Board of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for all criminal conviction records in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, advised on January 11, 1956 that no record was located for WILLIAM A. ROSE.

Referenced letter indicated that in 1949 Mrs. BERTHA CALLEY ROSE, 103 Hamenway Street, Boston, advised Mrs. D. R. GATES, 156 Home Avenue, Rutherford, New Jersey, that WILLIAM A. ROSE had died in 1949.

A review of the Death Records, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, on January 27, 1956 by SA EDWARD J. DUNN, JR. did not reflect any record for ROSE's death.

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cc: New York (65-16756) (RM)

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Mrs. EULA L. BOYADIS, [REDACTED] Boston, advised on February 3, 1956 that Mrs. BERTHA ROSE had roomed at this apartment house several years ago. She stated Mrs. ROSE died in 1950 or 1951. She added that Mrs. ROSE had been separated from her husband, WILLIAM ROSE, for many years, and that in 1949 WILLIAM ROSE had died in New York.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK(65-16756)(6)

DATE:

2/14/56

FROM : SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR

SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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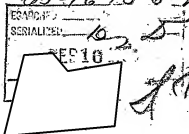
STEWART BLOOM, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, N.Y. on 2/14/56 furnished the following information to the writer. He advised that as of Christmas 1955 FRED VREELAND resided at [redacted] Knoxville, Tenn. b7C

BLOOM advised that he located a photograph of the group in his unit at CONY. He said that each of the individuals in the photo had noted on the photo his home address with the lone exception of GEORGE KOVAL. However about August or September 1944 KOVAL did give BLOOM an address which he indicated was not his home address but the address of a friend. This was [redacted] Bronx 52, New York.

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CLIFF REED as of about ~~xxxxx~~ 1946 gave BLOOM the following addresses ~~for~~: [redacted] South Gate, Los Angeles, Cal. and [redacted] Los Angeles, Cal.

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LEON SELDIN, previously described as close
associate of subject when latter student at CUNY, NYC,
reportedly resides at [REDACTED] River Edge,
NJ.

Locate to interview re subject's associates,
past activities and whereabouts.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: **ARTHUR OBERSTEIN**, [redacted] **Newark, N. J.**,
stated that subject, **WILLIAM A. ROSE**, and **JEROME B. CLAPP** are unknown to him. **b7C**

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DETAILS: **On February 29, 1956**, **Mr. ARTHUR OBERSTEIN**,
[redacted] **Newark, New Jersey**, advised
SA BENSON R. MOORE that the subject, **WILLIAM A. ROSE**, and
JEROME B. CLAPP are unknown to him.

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(S) During the interview with ARTHUR OBERSTEIN, he stated that recently he had met JOSEPH FRIEDMAN, presently General Manager of GARFUNKEL, INC., Hoboken Ave., Jersey City, N. J. OBERSTEIN stated that FRIEDMAN had been his replacement with the RAVEN ELECTRIC CO., NYC, and would possibly be in a position to furnish information regarding employees of the RAVEN ELECTRIC CO. subsequent to 1941. Newark indices contain only reference to a JOE FRIEDMAN in connection with the [] case (NY 65-14743), and no references regarding instant investigation. b1

In view of this, the Newark Office does not know whether FRIEDMAN has ever been interviewed and requests the New York Office to advise if this interview should be conducted and to what extent.

LEADSNEWARK OFFICEAT RIVER EDGE, N. J.

Will attempt to locate LEON SELDIN per New York airtel dated 2/21/56.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [] 1/11/56, New York. b7C

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

GEORGE KOVAL
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(OO: New York)

ReLalet to Bureau 5/3/55, and New York letter to Director 10/12/55, and report of SA HARRY H. WHIDBEE dated 3/9/56, at Los Angeles, California, five copies of which are enclosed.

Investigation conducted at Los Angeles reveals the following relatives of GEORGE KOVAL reside as follows:

PEARL SILVER, aunt, [redacted]
[redacted] Los Angeles, California.

EUGENE SILVER, cousin, [redacted]
[redacted] Los Angeles.

HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL, uncle and aunt, [redacted]
[redacted] Sherman Oaks, California.

SARAH BEGUN, aunt, [redacted]
Los Angeles.

Referenced letter dated 5/3/55, reflects all the subversive information appearing in the files of the Los Angeles Office pertaining to HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL, PEARL SILVER and SARAH BEGUN.

Los Angeles indices reflect no information identifiable with EUGENE or SHIRLEY SILVER.

None of the above-named relatives are currently included on the Security Index of the Los Angeles Office.

It is further noted that Mrs. ALEXANDER LORDEZKY, formerly JEAN FINKELSTEIN, girlfriend of GEORGE KOVAL in 1948, when interviewed 2/21/56, by SA HARRY H. WHIDBEE, advised that KOVAL told her in 1948 he had had no contact with relatives of his parents since he left home when he was about 17 years old.

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Bureau authority is, therefore, requested to interview each of the above relatives of KOVAL as suggested on page 2 of referenced New York letter dated 10/12/55.

It is felt these interviews might prove profitable in possibly uncovering information as to KOVAL's present whereabouts as well as his activities and whereabouts since 1948. Los Angeles has developed no information which would preclude these interviews or reflect any reason to suspect the Bureau might be embarrassed as a result of these contemplated interviews.

If Bureau authority is granted to interview these relatives, the interview of HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL will be deferred until such time as the Bureau Source in Argentina has resolved or eliminated the reported contact with GOLDIE GURSHTEL on 12/5/55, by one "M. KOVAL, S. Cayetano, F.C.G.R., Republic of Argentina," as being possibly identical with GEORGE KOVAL.

If any of these persons are cooperative, the interview will be restricted to pertinent data concerning GEORGE KOVAL and no effort made to interview any of these persons regarding other subversive activities in Communist Party front groups, and likewise no efforts will be made to develop any of these persons as security informants or direct their activities to any extent. Upon completion of these interviews, the Bureau will be promptly advised by report.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

KOVAL's aunt, GOLDIE GURSHTEL, at Los Angeles, California, on 12/5/55, received correspondence from "M. KOVAL, S. Cayetano, F.C.G.R., Republic of Argentina." Informants advise other relatives of subject at Los Angeles had no pertinent contacts during 12/55. Two informants, both admitted former Soviet Agents, advise KOVAL unknown to them. VICTORIA SABATINI, wife of a former admitted Soviet Agent, advises one photograph of KOVAL bears some resemblance to Soviet Agent known to her as "SAM" whom she contacted in New York City January, 1945, and received funds from him while her husband, AMADEO SABATINI, was serving in U. S. Army. JEAN MORDETZKY, former girlfriend of KOVAL, advises she has not seen KOVAL since 9/48. She partially identified other contacts of KOVAL in 1948, furnished additional background and a photograph of KOVAL and unknown woman possibly taken sometime in 1947. MORDETZKY advises in 12/50, she met an unknown man and woman at New Year's party in Los Angeles who told her they had met KOVAL in Paris during 1949 or 1950. Investigation continuing.

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CONTACTS OF HARRY AND GOLDIE GURSHTEL, UNCLE
AND AUNT OF SUBJECT, WHO RESIDE AT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SHERMAN OAKS, CALIFORNIA

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 7, 1955, that no telephone toll calls were made from Webster 4-9339, listed for HARRY GURSHTEL, [REDACTED] Sherman Oaks, California, between May and October, 1955.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 27, 1955, that correspondence was received by HARRY or GOLDIE GURSHTEL, [REDACTED] Sherman Oaks, California, as follows:

December 5, 1955, from "M. KOVAL, S. Cayetano, F.C.G.R., Republic of Argentina."

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December 9, 1955, from unidentified sender from Israel.

December 10, 1955, from SALTZMAN, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa.

December 10, 1955, from ZAMLUNGEN, [REDACTED] Cooper Station, New York 3, New York.

December 13, 1955, from unknown person, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] New York City.

T-2 advised that other correspondence was received between November 27 and December 27, 1955, of a commercial nature or publications.

CONTACTS OF SARAH BEGUN, SUBJECT'S AUNT,
[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,
AND [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

T-1 advised on November 7, 1955, that he could furnish no information concerning pertinent contacts of SARAH BEGUN at [REDACTED] Los Angeles, or [REDACTED] Avenue between May and November, 1955.

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T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 27, 1955, that no correspondence was received by SARAH BEGUN at [REDACTED] Los Angeles, or [REDACTED] Avenue, Los Angeles, between November 27 and December 27, 1955.

CONTACTS OF PEARL SILVER, SUBJECT'S AUNT,
WHO RESIDES AT [REDACTED]
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

T-1 advised on November 7, 1955, that he could furnish no information regarding contacts made with PEARL SILVER, [REDACTED] Los Angeles, between May and November, 1955.

T-3 advised on December 19, 1955, that on December 2, 1955, correspondence was received by Mrs. PEARL SILVER, [REDACTED] Los Angeles from "SILVER, Marionette, Arizona," reflecting no postmark date.

It is noted that ELI SILVER, son of PEARL SILVER, resides at [REDACTED] Marionette, Arizona.

T-3 advised that no further pertinent correspondence was received by PEARL SILVER during the period November 27 to December 27, 1955.

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CONTACTS OF EUGENE SILVER, SUBJECT'S COUSIN,
WHO RESIDES AT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 21, 1955, that on September 10, 1955, the following telegram was sent from telephone number Hollywood 7-2296 listed for EUGENE SILVER, [REDACTED] Apartment #7:

LA 65-6124

"Congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life together. Signed EUGENE and SHIRLEY SILVER."

The message was addressed to Mr. and Mrs. ERIC GLUCKNER, Hebrew Tabernacle, 605 West 161st Street, New York City, New York.

T-1 advised on November 7, 1955, that he could furnish no information regarding pertinent contacts made by EUGENE or SHIRLEY SILVER, [redacted] Los Angeles.

T-3 advised on December 5, 1955, that correspondence was received by EUGENE SILVER from "E. SILVER, [redacted] Marionette, Arizona," postmark illegible.

It is noted that ELI SILVER, twin brother of EUGENE SILVER resides at Marionette, Arizona. b7C

T-3 could advise of no other pertinent correspondence received by EUGENE SILVER during the period November 27, to December 27, 1955.

Records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles, California, were searched and reported by SE B. FRANK CROSS on October 27, 1955. These records reflected a report dated October 6, 1954, regarding EUGENE R. and SHIRLEY SILVER, who then resided at [redacted] Los Angeles, with former address as [redacted] Los Angeles. His occupation was shown as student; her occupation as housewife and employed at the Los Angeles County Hospital as medical stenographer. This report reflects EUGENE SILVER served in the United States Army during 1953 and prior thereto was a student at a Los Angeles college for four years. On July 14, 1955, SILVER was reported as an accountant for Davidson, Grover and Company, 6399 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflect no pertinent information identifiable with EUGENE or SHIRLEY SILVER.

INFORMATION REGARDING ELI SILVER, SUBJECT'S COUSIN

BOB ROSPRIM and NADINE BROWN, Officers, Corcoran, California, Police Department, advised SA PHILIP P. HANLON on

November 18, 1955, that ELI SILVER formerly lived near the Farmers Lumber Company, Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, and was employed by the J. G. Boswell Ranch Company at Corcoran, California, as a ranch foreman. Mrs. BROWN advised that ELI SILVER boarded at her home for about two years and had no visitors or made any long distance telephone calls from her residence. She stated he was married during the Summer of 1955.

T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 18 and October 21, 1955, that eighteen telephone toll calls were made from Corcoran, California, telephone number 694M and 632M, listed for ELI SILVER to Miss JACKIE KLEIN, also known as CLINE and KLINE, between April, 1954, and August, 1955. These toll calls were made to Oakland, California, telephone numbers BE 7-4122, BE 7-9122, BE 4-4780 and TH 5-4780, and Los Angeles telephone number WYoming 0232. T-5 advised that numerous other telephone toll calls were made during the same period by ELI SILVER to persons at Corcoran, Fresno, Lemoore, Hanford and Tulare, California, none of which could be identified as GEORGE KOVAL.

Miss BETTY ABBOTT and Mrs. ALBERT APPERSON, employees of the J. G. Boswell Ranch Company at Corcoran, advised SA HANLON on November 18, 1955, that ELI SILVER had been employed for this firm for about five years. He formerly resided at Corcoran, California, but had moved to Hanford, California, about October, 1955. They advised that he married one JACKIE CLINE or JACKIE KLEIN of Los Angeles, California, at Los Angeles, about July, 1955. They stated that SILVER and his wife had resided at [redacted] Hanford, California, but in November, 1955, ELI SILVER and his wife were transferred by the J. G. Boswell Ranch Company to their operation near Marionette, Arizona.

Indices of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contained no pertinent information identifiable with either ELI SILVER or JACKIE CLINE, KLEIN or KLINE.

CONTACT OF INFORMANTS REGARDING
ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES OF GEORGE KOVAL

T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who has admitted being a Soviet Agent in Los Angeles, California, from 1936 to 1943, advised on February 10, 1956, after observing a photograph of GEORGE KOVAL that he did not recognize KOVAL as anyone known by him during his contacts in espionage from 1936 to 1943 in Los Angeles, California.

T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who admitted engaging in espionage activities in the United States for the Soviets from about 1933 to 1937, advised on February 14, 1956, after observing a photograph of GEORGE KOVAL that he failed to recognize KOVAL as anyone known by him nor did he recognize the name KOVAL as connected in any way with the espionage operation with which he was familiar.

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Mrs. VICTORIA SABATINI, [redacted] Hollywood, California, was interviewed by SA PHILIP J. REILLY on February 8 and 21, 1956. Mrs. SABATINI was the wife of AMADEO SABATINI, deceased, a former self-admitted Soviet Espionage Agent at Los Angeles and New York City. Mrs. SABATINI has furnished reliable information in the past. After viewing a photograph of GEORGE KOVAL she stated that this photograph taken in March, 1948, bears some resemblance to an unknown Soviet Agent which she has previously identified as "SAM," with whom she had been in contact in New York City in January, 1945, and who had paid her \$100.00 during the absence of her husband who was in the United States Army. Mrs. SABATINI said the photograph of KOVAL bore the following points of similarity with "SAM:" long narrow face, somewhat asthenic and scholarly, dark hair and eyes. Mrs. SABATINI could not positively identify the photograph of KOVAL as being identical with the person she described as "SAM," nor could she state positively that he was identical. She did state that of all the pictures she has seen of persons possibly connected with her husband, this photograph of KOVAL is the closest resemblance she had ever seen to the man whom she met and received some money from in New York City in 1945. Mrs. SABATINI suggested that she would desire to view other photographs of KOVAL in other poses with the idea of confirming or eliminating the possible identification of KOVAL as SAM.

On February 21, 1956, a second photograph of KOVAL presenting a different pose, which reportedly was taken sometime in 1947, was shown to Mrs. SABATINI. She stated that the photograph bore no resemblance to the unknown Soviet Agent known to her as "SAM."

In regard to "SAM," VICTORIA SABATINI advised SA FLOYD W. BROWN and THOMAS E. BRYANT on April 23, 1951 and SA JAMES H. HOOSE, JR., on January 28, 1953, as follows:

She stated that early in October, 1945, AMADEO SABATINI advised her that he was quitting his job in Los Angeles and they were going to return to New York. In her opinion this was being done on specific instructions from SABATINI's Soviet superior, JOSEPH KATZ. She stated they left Los Angeles in about October, 1944, by train. She said they resided with friends in New York City until her husband, AMADEO SABATINI, was inducted into the Army. She stated AMADEO was inducted into the Army on January 12, 1945, and a few days prior to the time, he told her he wanted her to meet a particular person so that this unidentified individual could keep in contact with her and that the individual would furnish her with money from time to time and see that she was taken care of during his absence. She stated she fully understood this unidentified person was connected with her husband's undercover activities for JOE KATZ. Accordingly, arrangements were made for her to meet this individual on a particular street corner, near the Presbyterian Medical Center, Broadway and 160th Street, New York City. She recalls she took a subway to this meeting which occurred in the evening about 8:30 p. m. Mrs. SABATINI left the subway in the vicinity of Broadway and 160th Street and walked to the designated corner and waited outside a coffee shop. She entered the coffee shop and ordered a cup of coffee. While there, another individual entered the shop and also ordered coffee who was looking her over carefully. Mrs. SABATINI left the coffee shop at the exact time the meeting was to take place and was followed from the coffee shop by the individual she noticed in the shop. This individual then approached her and asked her a question which had previously been agreed upon concerning asking directions to a particular address. Mrs. SABATINI gave the correct answer and they proceeded together to a small restaurant in the vicinity and had dinner. During the meeting the subject identified himself merely as "SAM." During the meeting "SAM" asked general questions about AMADEO SABATINI and the SABATINIS' general financial condition. "SAM" gave Mrs. SABATINI \$100.00 in cash in an envelope which contained five \$20.00 bills, and told her that the money was payment for two months. The above meeting lasted about thirty minutes and "SAM" indicated upon departure that he would call her by telephone at her apartment which would be a signal to her that he wanted to see her and she should proceed to the same place at the same time on Saturday or Sunday. "SAM" also indicated he would furnish Mrs. SABATINI with \$50.00 per month during the time AMADEO was in the Army.

At the time of her interview in 1953, Mrs. SABATINI described "SAM" as:

Age	37 or 37 years
Height	5' 6" - 5' 7"
Weight	150
Build	Slight
Complexion	Dark, swarthy
Hair	Dark, good amount
Dress	Well dressed
Eyes	Dark, wore thick glasses
Speech	Good English, no accent.
Characteristics	Heavy beard

In this connection it is noted that Mr. JEAN MORDETZKY, former girlfriend of GEORGE KOVAL, advised on February 28, 1956, that KOVAL was 6 feet tall and weighed 175 to 185 pounds.

It is also noted that GAROLD W. CURL, [redacted] Los Angeles, advised SA WAYNE H. SHAW on July 13, 1955, that he knew KOVAL as an ASTP student at City College of New York (CCNY) in 1943 and 1944 and that both he and KOVAL left CCNY for Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in July or August of 1944 for permanent assignment.

IRVING WEISMAN, a fellow student of KOVAL at CCNY, advised SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL and WILLIAM D. DONOHUE on May 25, 1955, that he knew KOVAL at CCNY during the Fall of 1943 and was in contact with KOVAL until July, 1944, at which time KOVAL was assigned to the Atomic Energy Installation, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He stated after World War II he renewed his acquaintanceship with KOVAL when the latter returned to CCNY in the Fall of 1946 to complete his studies in electrical engineering.

In view of the above, it is possible that KOVAL was not in New York during January, 1945.

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INTERVIEW OF JEAN MORDETZKY, FORMER
GIRLFRIEND OF GEORGE KOVAL

Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Los Angeles County, California, were searched and reported by SE JAMES L. MAHAN on January 26, 1956. These records, Book #3620, page 175, reflect application for license to marry as follows:

"ALEXANDER MORDETZKY, age [redacted] address [redacted] La Verne, California, born New York, father - MORRIS MORDETZKY, born Poland, mother - ANNIE LIFSKEIN (maiden name), born Poland. Bride: JEAN FINKELSTEIN, age [redacted] born New York, address [redacted] [redacted], Pomona, California, divorced, father - ALBERT FINKELSTEIN,

"born Russia, mother - ROSE NORSTEIN (maiden name), born Russia." These records reflect that FINKELSTEIN and MORDETZKY were married November 2, 1952, at Los Angeles, California, witnessed by LEONARD IRA FIELDS, [REDACTED], Los Angeles.

Records of the Credit Bureau of Pomona, California, were searched and reported by SA HARRY H. WHIDBEE on February 17, 1956, and reflected ALEXANDER MORDETZKY, [REDACTED] La Verne, California, wife JEAN, is currently employed as shipping clerk, Malvern's of California at Pomona. This credit record reflects a newspaper clipping dated July 18, 1946, reflecting that MORDETZKY was a seaman second class formerly residing [REDACTED] Pomona, and discharged from the United States Navy at Terminal Island, California, in 1946. He joined the U. S. Navy in February, 1944, and served at destroyer base in San Diego, California, and Naval, Ammunition and Net Depot at Seal Beach, California. b7C

The indices of the Los Angeles Office contain no pertinent information identifiable with either ALEXANDER MORDETZKY or JEAN MORDETZKY or JEAN FINKELSTEIN.

Mrs. ALEXANDER MORDETZKY was located and interviewed at her residence, [REDACTED] La Verne, California, by SA HARRY H. WHIDBEE and JAMES A. MILLS on February 20, 1956.

She advised that her brothers, LEONARD and GEORGE FINKELSTEIN, formerly attended CCNY in 1948 and were members of an honorary fraternity to which GEORGE KOVAL also belonged. LEONARD FINKELSTEIN had many classes with KOVAL at CCNY. She said she first met GEORGE KOVAL through her brother LEONARD one night during March, 1948, while the members of this fraternity were bowling in a league at allies near CCNY. She advised she was immediately attracted to KOVAL and began dating him almost at once. She said KOVAL was then residing in the Bronx not far from her residence which was [REDACTED] but she could not recall the exact name of the street or the address number. She said KOVAL lived in a sort of rooming house. She recalled he was working part time for an electrical supply company in New York. She recalled the name of this company sounded like Ace Electrical Company, but could not be positive. She stated to the best of her recollection this company was located on 23rd Street in New York City. b7C

She advised she dated KOVAL regularly from March until the latter part of September, 1948, when they had a lovers' quarrel. When he failed to call her within a week or so, she called his rooming house and learned from his landlady he had departed for Europe the day before this call was made. She said their friendship was very serious and that she and KOVAL had talked of marriage but had never resolved several small differences and had never become engaged. She said she has never seen him again or been in contact with him since she last saw him in the latter part of September, 1948. She said on the last night she saw him he took her to an exhibition regarding the atomic bomb which was held in New York City near Lexington Avenue in a big building. She stated this was a public affair and KOVAL had stated he hoped that by attending this exhibition he might bump into old friends which he had known and worked with at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, during the war. She said she did not recall him meeting anyone that he knew and he was noticeably disturbed by this fact and it was after this exhibition en route home that the quarrel occurred between she and KOVAL.

She stated that she and her family departed New York and came to the Los Angeles area in September, 1949. She said in December, 1950, she recalls attending a New Year's Eve party at an unknown address in West Los Angeles with a casual date whose name she recalls as JACK or JACOB JUPITER who lived on [redacted] in Los Angeles. At this party she recalls having met a man and woman whose last name was either ROSE or HOSE who told her they were associated with the Signet Laboratories in Los Angeles. These people, she recalled, by chance conversation mentioned that they knew GEORGE KOVAL who had attended CCNY and further that they had met him in Paris, France, during either 1949 or 1950. MORDETZKY stated she has not seen these two people since nor can she furnish any further information as to their identity. She states this was the last occasion of her being in the presence of JACK JUPITER and could not furnish his present address or employment. She stated further this is the only instance in which she has met anyone who has ever heard of GEORGE KOVAL since his departure from New York for Europe in October, 1948.

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She advised that KOVAL told her about his earlier life as follows: He said he was born in Sioux City, Iowa; that his parents were involved in some very peculiar religion and his earlier life because of family activities in this religious group was very unhappy. He described himself as a

brilliant student in high school and had graduated several years before others of his same age. He attended the University of Iowa during the early 1930's. He said when he was about 17 years old he left his parents and later learned they had both died. He claimed to be an only child. His parents had relatives in Sioux City, Iowa, but after their death, these relative lost interest in KOVAL and he stated he has had no contact with them since the early 1930's. He told her he did not know whether they still live in Sioux City or had moved elsewhere. He told her he had pursued several types of employment, including a period when he was a radio announcer but she did not recall where he said he was so employed. He did not advise her or discuss with her ever having left the United States or any information regarding contacts or acquaintances. She recalls no mention by him concerning Russia or any foreign residences. She later heard that he had gone to France and recalls that several weeks prior to their quarrel she observed him studying intently a handbook regarding the French Language.

KOVAL told her during their acquaintance he had worked on the atomic bomb at Oak Ridge, Tennessee while serving in the United States Army during World War II. In 1948, he told her of his employment with the electrical supply firm on 23rd Street in New York and his potential for foreign travel during this employment. He never mentioned to her to what foreign countries he planned to travel or the exact nature of his employment.

During this acquaintance she recalls only two trips made by KOVAL. The first trip was early in 1948, possibly the latter part of March, 1948, when KOVAL travelled to Washington, D. C. According to his remarks at this time she recalls he had a special interest in attending an exhibition regarding some paintings which had been found by the U. S. occupying forces of Germany which were then being exhibited in a museum somewhere in Washington, D. C. She recalled he was gone on this trip for several days, possibly over a long weekend. Again in the Summer of 1948, he left for a trip, having told her he was going to the Middle West for business purposes. She recalls now that this trip might have been made to Kansas City, Missouri, or at least she states the name of this city comes to her mind when she thinks of this second trip. She said he was gone about ten days. She states she assumed this business trip concerned his current employment with the electrical supply company on 23rd Street in New York City.

Among his associates met by her during their acquaintance from March, 1948, to September, 1948, she met a physics instructor at CCNY who was considered by KOVAL as among his best friends. This instructor's name was recalled to her only as HERBERT or "HERBIE," who lived in a basement apartment on [redacted] just off [redacted]. She stated KOVAL and she went to the apartment of this instructor on several occasions and while there met other persons whose names are not now recalled by her. She described these acquaintances as "intellectuals who dressed and acted like a bunch of Bohemians." She said these visits were many but she was not impressed by any of the other people met there and recalls none of them by name. She stated she called "HERBIE" after KOVAL's disappearance and was told by him that KOVAL had gone to France.

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MORDETZKY also recalls KOVAL was an enthusiastic tennis player and told her of two very close friends who were also tennis enthusiasts with whom he had visited in Boston, Massachusetts, where they had played tennis together. This all occurred prior to the time she met KOVAL. She does not recall any trips made by KOVAL to Boston during their acquaintance.

She also recalls KOVAL was closely associated with a zoology professor at Columbia University during 1948. She does not recall having met this professor, but recalls KOVAL spoke of this acquaintance in connection with his interest in zoology.

MORDETZKY stated that sometime about 1949 she read an article in a fraternity newsletter to which KOVAL had belonged that a committee of fraternity members had been formed to locate KOVAL but had had no success.

She characterized KOVAL as one who had never openly displayed any indication of interest in Communism or Soviet Russia. She said he was an extreme baseball fan and took her to see many baseball games during the Summer of 1948. She said he could recount the history of most any big league pitcher and state statistics regarding them with seeming ease. He was also an ardent reader of WALT WHITMAN.

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She stated her brother, LEONARD FINKELSTEIN, who has within the past few years changed his name to FIELDS, [redacted] in San Fernando, California, was best acquainted with KOVAL and could possibly furnish some additional information regarding him. She said that prior to KOVAL's interest in her,

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he palled around with LEONARD for quite some time.

She advised her brothers GEORGE FIELDS, [REDACTED] San Fernando, California, and SHELDON FIELDS, [REDACTED] Sepulveda, California, knew KOVAL only slightly but also attended CCNY at about the same time as KOVAL.

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On February 28, 1956, Mrs. MORDETZKY advised SA HARRY H. WHIDBEE she now recalls that on one occasion KOVAL and the CCNY instructor known to her as "HERBIE" on one occasion took her to a very fashionable apartment duplex on [REDACTED] off [REDACTED] in New York City, which they told her was the apartment of a girlfriend of "HERBIE" named "RUTH." She recalls that "RUTH" and her parents at this time were on a trip to Europe; that "RUTH" was a painter and many of her works were displayed in each room of this apartment. While in Europe, she sent "HERBIE" a case of champagne. She also learned that "RUTH" had another sister whose name she did not know. This "RUTH" was supposed to have written "HERBIE" constantly during this trip. It was Mrs. MORDETZKY's impression that KOVAL was not impressed with this "RUTH" and, in fact, attempted to disinterest "HERBIE" by pointing out "RUTH's" weaknesses.

She described KOVAL as follows:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	American
Height	6'
Weight	175 - 185
Build	Slender, broad shoulders and muscular arms
Hair	Mouse brown, thin and straight
Eyes	Dark, wore glasses
Scars and Marsk	None
Clothes	Usually wore a suit coat. MORDETZKY states he is not clothes conscious.

Mrs. MORDETZKY furnished SA HARRY H. WHIDBEE on February 20, 1956, a snapshot of KOVAL and an unknown woman which she states was probably taken sometime during the Summer of 1947. She states she does not recall exactly the source of this snapshot and, therefore, can offer no suggestions as to the identity of the unknown woman. She states that the

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photograph displayed to her of KOVAL taken March, 1948, in connection with his passport application is a very good likeness and that the photograph which was furnished by her was a good likeness of that particular pose.

Mrs. MORDETZKY advised that she would be glad to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and if any further information came to her knowledge concerning KOVAL which might be helpful to the FBI she would contact the Los Angeles Office of the FBI.

ENCLOSURES

TO THE BUREAU

Two (2) photographs of GEORGE KOVAL and unknown woman.

TO NEW YORK

Two (2) photographs of GEORGE KOVAL and unknown woman

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By Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated 1/5/56, the Bureau was advised of correspondence received by GOLDIE GURSHTEL, subject's aunt, from "M. KOVAL, S. Cayetano, F.C.G.R., Republic of Argentina" on 12/5/55, and the Bureau was requested to ascertain through liaison with [redacted] the identity of the above correspondent. By the same letter the Phoenix Office was advised of the current residence and employment of ELI and JACKIE SILVER and requested to cause mail covers and telephone toll covers be placed concerning ELI SILVER and advised them of the Bureau's interest in possible interview of this relative of KOVAL. b2

By separate letter, Los Angeles is requesting permission of the Bureau to interview those relatives of KOVAL who reside in the Los Angeles area for any information they might have concerning his present location and other background information of interest in this investigation.

The snapshot of KOVAL furnished by JEAN MORDETZKY on 2/21/56, was duplicated and enlarged at the Los Angeles Office and copies of this photograph are being forwarded to the Bureau and New York Office for the completion of those files concerning KOVAL.

Copies of this report are being designated for the Washington Field Office and Boston in view of information furnished by MORDETZKY that KOVAL has made trips to Boston to visit close acquaintances and to Washington, D. C., regarding his interest in a painting exhibition and in the event there are more definite leads at a later date for these offices regarding possible contacts by KOVAL with Soviets during these reported trips.

The possible identification of KOVAL as "SAM" made by VICTORIA SABATINI when shown photograph of KOVAL refers to Bureau case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; wa. 'Sam;' Contact of VICTORIA SABATINI, ESPIONAGE - R," Bufile 65-61540, New York file 65-16245, Los Angeles file 65-5578

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T-1 Records of [redacted] as made available on 11/7/55 by Chief Special Agent [redacted] to SE BERNARD W. MC CARTHY regarding:

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1) [redacted]
[redacted] Sherman Oaks, California,
Webster 4-9339.

2) [redacted]
Los Angeles, Oldsfield 4-1746.

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3) [redacted]
Los Angeles, telephone HO 7-1919.

4) [redacted]
Los Angeles, Hollywood 7-2296.

T-2 [redacted] U. S. Post
Office, Van Nuys, California, by letter to
the Special Agent in Charge, dated 12/27/55,
regarding mail cover on [redacted]
[redacted] Sherman Oaks,
California, from 11/27/55, to 12/27/55.

T-3 [redacted] Acting Postmaster, U. S. Post
Office, Los Angeles, by letter to the SAC,
Los Angeles, 12/27/55, regarding a mail
cover concerning [redacted]
Los Angeles: [redacted]

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[redacted] Los Angeles, from 11/27/55, to
12/27/55.

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T-4 [redacted] Western Union, Los Angeles, to
SA JAMES H. HOOSE, JR. on 11/21/55, orally.
(Identity concealed at request)

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interviewed by SA WILLIAM L. BYRNE at Los Angeles
on 2/10/56. (Conceal identity at request)

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viewed by SA HAROLD F. DODGE on 2/14/56.
(Conceal identity at request)

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LEADS

NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

1. Will attempt to locate ERIC GLUCKNER who was recipient of a telegram from EUGENE SILVER on 9/10/55, and ascertain whether possibly identical with GEORGE KOVAL.
2. Will consider reinterview of HERBERT J. SANDBERG former acquaintance of KOVAL and possibly identical with the "HERBIE" known to JEAN MORDETZKY, regarding mutual friend known as "RUTH" with whom he and KOVAL were in contact in 1948.

Will exhibit to "HERBIE" photograph of KOVAL and unknown woman for his possible identification of this woman for eventual interview.

3. Will ascertain whether subject possibly employed at Ace Electrical Supply Company on 23rd Street in New York City in 1948.
4. Will consider the possibility of identifying unknown acquaintance of KOVAL described as zoology professor at Columbia University during 1948 and the two persons described by KOVAL as tennis enthusiasts with whom he visited at Boston prior to March, 1948.

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5. Will further identify one ZAMLUNGEN, Post Office Box [redacted] Cooper Station, New York 3, New York, who was a correspondent of HARRY GURSHTEL, subject's uncle, on 12/10/55.
6. Will identify unknown individual of [redacted] [redacted] New York City, who was a correspondent of H. GURSHTEL, subject's uncle, on 12/13/55.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

1. Will interview LEONARD FIELDS, [redacted] San Fernando, California; SHELDON FIELDS [redacted] Sanulveda, California; and GEORGE FIELDS [redacted] [redacted] San Fernando, California.
2. Will attempt to further identify and locate JACK JUPITER and interview him concerning the address at which the New Year's Party was held in 12/50, where JEAN MORDETZKY met unknown man and woman who claimed to have met KOVAL in Paris in either 1949 or 1950.
3. Will attempt to identify at the Signet Laboratories the name of any person similar to "ROSE" or "HOSE" and interview concerning their knowledge of KOVAL.
4. Will upon receipt of Bureau authority interview GOLDIE and HARRY GURSHTEL, PEARL SILVER, SARAH BEGUN, and EUGENE SILVER, relatives of the subject who reside in Los Angeles, California.

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TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

FRANK TAMARIN advised employed with Raven Electric Company (REC) during 1943. Identified photograph of subject as GEORGE KOVAL, "a close acquaintance" of BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, owner REC. Wife DORA TAMARIN, nee LOSSEFF, described as "blood relation of Lassen". TAMARIN denied knowledge re subject's background, present whereabouts, and nature of association with LASSEN. Information obtained as result of interviews with faculty members, CCNY, reflected the following: During 1944 - 1945, while member US Army, subject assigned Manhattan Engineering District (MED) at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and later at Dayton, Ohio. Following graduation, CCNY, 1948, subject recommended for position at Amintas Corporation, NYC, which position he declined. During 1947 - 1948, subject member Eta Kappa Nu Fraternity. No information recalled re subject's activities or statements while at CCNY suggesting his involvement in subversive activities. Subject's present whereabouts unknown. STEWARD D. BLOOM, a member of subject's Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) class, CCNY, described as possibly being in contact with subject, 1950 or 1951. BLOOM interviewed and stated last contact with the subject at MED, Oak Ridge Tennessee, during 1944. BLOOM advised subject transferred from Oak Ridge to MED, Dayton area office, Miamisburg, Ohio. BLOOM described CLIFF REID, Los Angeles, California, as subject's roommate at MED, Oak Ridge, LEON SELDIN'S last

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known address reported as [redacted] Road, River Edge, NJ. Information re S. GERTZ, GRACE LUBOR and WILLIAM A. ROSE set forth,

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DETAILS:

INTERVIEW WITH FRANK TAMARIN

FRANK TAMARIN, [redacted] Bronx, New York, was interviewed by SAS WALTER C. GUTHEIL, JR. and WILLIAM D. DONOHUE on January 31, 1956, and stated as follows:

He was employed as a "delivery truck driver" with the Raven Electric Company (REC), New York City, owned by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, during the entire year of 1943. He terminated his employment with the REC because he "couldn't get along with Lassen." He was unable to furnish any background information concerning LASSEN, stating that his association with LASSEN was restricted to the period of his employment at the REC during 1943.

He identified a photograph of the subject as GEORGE KOVAL, "a close acquaintance of Lassen who worked for the REC during the early 1940's". He met KOVAL while the latter was employed at the REC, and recalled that his son, LEON HAROLD TAMARIN, also was acquainted with the subject. He denied having knowledge concerning the subject's background, and present whereabouts, or information regarding the nature of the association between LASSEN and the subject.

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He described his wife, DORA, nee LOSSEFF, as a "blood relation of Lassen", but claimed he did not know the exact degree of the relationship. He stated that neither he nor his wife had information regarding LASSEN'S early background in the United States, or that they had been acquainted with the latter in Russia.

TAMARIN stated he emigrated to the United States from Russia during 1904, and established residence in Hudson, New York, where he lived with his family until 1942. He resided at Avenue I, Brooklyn, New York, from 1942 until 1948, at which time he moved to his present residence. He described his normal occupation as a salesman, noting he had owned an electrical retail store in Hudson, New York, during the 1930's. He stated he retired during 1951 because of poor health.

His wife, DORA, was described as not presently available for interview because of a severe heart ailment affliction.

Concerning the above, it is noted that LEON HAROLD TAMARIN, when interviewed by Special Agents GUTHEIL and DONOHUE on December 21, 1955, stated that his father, FRANK TAMARIN, and mother, DORA, nee LOSSEFF, knew BENJAMIN W. LASSEN in Russia, and might possibly have information concerning the nature of the relationship between KOVAL and LASSEN.

BENJAMIN W. LASSEN

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised the following information during July, 1952 attributed to T-2, whom T-1 has described as having supplied accurate information in the past, but who has apparently withheld information on various occasions.

Based upon the known activities and background of BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, owner of the

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Raven Electric Company, New York City, it was the informant's opinion that [REDACTED] with the unknown Soviet Agent [REDACTED]

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INTERVIEWS WITH FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE
CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK (CCNY)

On January 26, 1956, SAS GUTHEIL and JAMES L. MC CARTHY interviewed the indicated faculty members of the City College of New York, whose specific comments concerning the subject will be set forth. In addition to the specific comments, each of the faculty members stated as follows:

The subject is recalled as an "excellent student" in the Electrical Engineering Department of CCNY, who attended that college during 1943 - 1944, and 1946 - 1948. His recalled statements and activities while at CCNY did not suggest that he was involved in subversive activity and did not arouse any suspicion concerning his loyalty to the United States Government.

He is recalled to have avoided discussions concerning his early background, but it is believed that

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he stated his parents died during his childhood. No information could be recalled concerning the identities of any associates he may have had outside his college activities, nor could information be recalled which would be of assistance to determine his present whereabouts.

SADIE SILVERMASTER

Professor of Electrical Engineering

When KOVIL completed his studies at CCNY during 1948, he indicated he was interested in foreign employment either in Israel or Poland. During 1948, a postcard was received from the subject, which was mailed in Paris, France. The postcard did not reflect a return address. No additional correspondence has been received from the subject since that time.

HAROLD WOLF

Professor of Electrical Engineering

It is recalled that the subject stated during his service with the United States Army (1944-1945) he was assigned to the Manhattan Engineering District (MED) at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and according to statements subsequently made by the subject, he was transferred from Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to the MED at Dayton, Ohio.

The subject did not comment concerning the nature of his assignments at Oak Ridge or Dayton, but this information might possibly be known to other members of the subject's Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) class, inasmuch as the entire class was assigned to Oak Ridge following the completion of their training at CCNY in 1944. The subject's ASTP class was described as a "highly selective group of young Army men", selected by the United States Army on the basis of aptitude

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tests. The faculty of CCNY exerted no influence regarding the assignments the class received, but only instructed the trainees in accordance with United States Army instructions.

It is noted that Professor HAROLD WOLF denied having assigned the subject a project to dismantle a classified bombsight while the latter was enrolled in CCNY, stating that the college has never utilized classified material in connection with laboratory experiments.

It is noted that Professor HAROLD WOLF, CCNY, is listed as a reference by the subject in an employment application executed by the latter for the MED during 1944.

It is also noted that WILLIAM FANE, Laboratory Assistant, CCNY, when interviewed on November 29, 1955, by SAS GUTHEIL and MC CARTHY, stated that while the subject and IRVING WEISMAN were students at CCNY, they had been assigned a highly technical project to dismantle a classified bombsight, by either HAROLD WOLF or CECILE FORLICK, Professors of Electrical Engineering at CCNY.

CECILE FORLICK
Head of the Electrical Engineering
Department

Just subsequent to his graduation during the summer of 1948, the subject was recommended by Professor FORLICK for employment with a New York City import-export company, known as Amitas Corporation, located at 50 Broadway, New York City. It is recalled that KOVAL declined the position at the time it was offered to him.

Professor FORLICK denied having any knowledge of the subject having been assigned a project in connection with his studies at CCNY to dismantle a classified bombsight. She stated she is of the impression that KOVAL may have possibly worked on equipment classified by the United States Government as "war surplus," but was positive that none of the equipment was classified.

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Dr. HARRY HANSTEIN, described as a professor in the Electrical Engineering Department of CCNY, was suggested as a source of information regarding the subject since he served as faculty adviser for the Eta Kappa Nu Honorary Fraternity, of which the subject was a member while at CCNY.

It is noted that Dr. HARRY HANSTEIN, CCNY, is listed as a reference by the subject in an application for employment, executed by the subject during 1944, for the MED.

T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 20, 1952, that the Amitas Corporation, 50 Broadway, New York City, was incorporated under Delaware laws on October 3, 1939. On December 5, 1939, Amitas filed a statement and designation as a foreign corporation doing business in New York.

DR. HARRY HANSTEIN
Professor of Electrical Engineering,
CCNY

Professor HANSTEIN advised SAS GUTHEIL and MC CARTHY on February 3, 1953, that the subject was a member of the Eta Kappa Nu Honorary Electrical Engineering Fraternity at CCNY, during the years 1947 and 1948.

The National Chapter of that fraternity is located at Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, and records regarding the inactive members can be reviewed by contacting A. B. ZERBY, a member of the National Executive Council, in care of Post Office Drawer C, Dillsburg, Pennsylvania.

HANSTEIN recalled the subject as being extremely interested in fraternity affairs at CCNY and believed it possible that KOVAL might have a current mailing address on record with the National Chapter of the Eta Kappa Nu Fraternity in Pennsylvania. HANSTEIN stated he had engaged in many conversations with the subject during the latter's enrollment at CCNY, and cannot recall any statements made by the subject which could be interpreted that he had "subversive leanings." HANSTEIN recalled that the subject never mentioned his early background, and stated that he has had no contact with the subject since the latter graduated from CCNY during the summer of 1948.

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HANSTEIN also stated he is of the impression that STEWARD D. BLOOM, a member of the subject's ASTP class at CCNY, presently employed at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, Long Island, New York, recently advised him (HANSTEIN) that he had seen the subject sometime during 1950 or 1951, in New York City.

HANSTEIN advised that SEYMOUR D. USL/W, also a former member of the subject's ASTP class at CCNY, is presently residing at 3062 Avenue V, Brooklyn, New York.

It is noted that HERBERT J. SANDBERG, a former member of the subject's ASTP class, CCNY, when interviewed on May 18, 1955, by S/S GUTHEIL and DANIEL I. FLYNN, identified SEYMOUR D. USL/W, formerly in the ASTP at CCNY, as a "close acquaintance" of the subject at CCNY during 1943 - 1944.

INTERVIEW WITH STEWARD D. BLOOM

JOSEPH W. WASHBURN, Supervisor of Employment, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, Long Island, New York, advised SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR on February 2, 1956, that STEWARD D. BLOOM, a former electrical engineering student at CCNY, has been employed as an associate physicist at the Brookhaven National Laboratory since July 18, 1952. According to WASHBURN, BLOOM resides at 96 Maple Avenue, Patchogue Apartments, Patchogue, Long Island, New York.

STEWARD D. BLOOM was interviewed at the Brookhaven National Laboratory by S/S GUTHEIL and

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O'CONNOR, on February 13, 1956, and advised as follows:

He was a member of the subject's ASTP class at CCNY during 1943 - 1944, and in 1944 was assigned with the subject to the MED, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He recalled that the subject was stationed at Oak Ridge, for approximately five months, and during early 1945, was transferred to the Dayton area office of the MED, at Miamisburg, Ohio. He recalled that the subject was assigned to the Clinton Laboratories in the Health and Physics Division, at Oak Ridge, but has no recollection concerning his exact duties.

Dr. K. Z. MORGAN, presently in charge of the Health and Physics Division at Oak Ridge, would probably recall something about the subject's work and activities at that installation. BLOOM emphatically stated that he has not seen the subject since early 1945, when the latter was transferred to the Dayton area office of the MED. He recalls discussing the subject in recent meetings with Professor HARRY H. NISTEIN of CCNY, but claimed that in those discussions he did not mention having seen KOVAL as recently as 1950 or 1951.

BLOOM stated that he may be able to locate a group photograph of the subject's ASTP class at CCNY, which to his recollection, might reflect the home addresses of each of the class members.

BLOOM was of the opinion that one CLIFF REID, an ASTP student at CCNY, was the subject's roommate at Oak Ridge during 1944. The last addresses known to BLOOM for REID are [redacted] Avenue, [redacted] Los Angeles, California, and [redacted] Los Angeles, California. BLOOM advised he could recall no additional information regarding the subject's background or activities.

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Regarding K. Z. MORGAN, mentioned above,

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it is noted that individual is apparently identical with Dr. KARL ZIEGLER MORGAN, Director of Health and Physics Department, Oak Ridge, National Laboratory, who was interviewed by SA HENRY A. QUINN, JR. on July 8, 1955, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

When interviewed, MORGAN advised that KOVAL'S assignment at Oak Ridge required access to confidential and secret information under the MED, and noted that KOVAL had access to information which would be classified at the present time as less sensitive than "restricted data". KOVAL'S duties were concerned with mathematical problems in connection with radiation detection and measurement of instruments.

RECONTACT WITH IRVING WEISMANN

IRVING WEISMANN, [redacted] Street, Bronx, New York, when originally interviewed on May 11, 1955, by SAs GUTHEIL and DONOHUE, advised he had been a close associate of the subject at CCNY during the periods 1943 - 1944 and 1946 - 1948. WEISMANN was recontacted on February 9, 1956, and advised as follows:

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Since last interviewed, he has recalled additional information which might be of assistance in identifying the professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with whom BENJAMIN W. LASSEN was extremely friendly during the late 1940's. He believes that while LASSEN'S son, SEYMOUR, was a student at MIT he participated in an "on the job training program" known at MIT as the "Cooperative Training Program".

WEISMANN stated that a review of SEYMOUR LASSEN'S scholastic file at MIT would reflect the name of the professor, who during 1947 or 1948, was responsible for the latter's enrollment in the above-mentioned training program. According to WEISMANN, this professor

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is identical with the MIT faculty member who was extremely friendly with BENJAMIN W. LUSSEN. WEISMAN was questioned as to whether or not he or the subject dismantled a classified bombsight in connection with their electrical engineering studies at CCNY.

WEISMAN stated that he vaguely recalls that he and the subject had been assigned a project while at CCNY to dismantle a gyroscope which was obtained by the college as war surplus property. WEISMAN emphatically denied that he and the subject, or any student in the ASTP, CCNY, had been assigned work on classified materials in connection with their studies under that program.

MISCELLANEOUS

Inquiry at "New York Journal-American"

PETER L. CAMPBELL, Clerk, Reference Room, "New York Journal-American", a daily New York City newspaper, South Street, New York City, made available on January 31, 1956, all clippings and references regarding "Irish Sweepstake" winners for the spring and fall of the years, 1951 and 1952.

A review of the clippings and references reflected no listing for the surname, KOVIL, as an "Irish Sweepstake" winner for the years 1951 or 1952.

GEORGE KOVIL, Fireman, New York City Fire Department, Engine Company Number 35, Bronx, New York, when recontacted on November 29, 1955, by SA GUTHEIL, advised that he recalls that the name GEORGE KOVIL was listed in the "New York Journal-American" during the spring of 1951 or 1952, as the winner of \$500 in the "Irish Sweepstakes".

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Recontact with Mrs. G. GARDNER

Mrs. G. GARDNER, [redacted] Avenue, Bronx, New York, was recontacted by S/S GUTHRIE and DENOUE on February 15, 1956. A passport photograph of PAVEL I. ROTOMSKY, former Attache to the USSR Consulate General, New York City, in 1944, was displayed to Mrs. GARDNER, who stated that the latter's photograph did not resemble the foreign-born individual who visited the subject's apartment at [redacted] Avenue, Bronx, New York, during the latter's residence there from 1946 to 1948.

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T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised during 1944, that the name KAVAI appeared among the notes and documents of PAVEL I. ROTOMSKY, with aliases, Attache to the USSR Consulate General, at New York City.

Review of Correspondence Files,
Atlas Trading Corporation

The correspondence files for the Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York City, stored at 97 Gold Street, New York City, were made available for review on January 23, 1956, by JEROME CAHN, Warehouse Custodian. The files, which were reviewed on January 23, 1956, February 3 and 15, 1956, failed to reflect any reference to the subject.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., as reviewed by S. HAROLD L. CAMPBELL, JR. on July 27, 1954 and August 2, 1954, reflected that issuance of a passport for the subject was requested by a letter dated March 8, 1948, from the Atlas Trading Corporation, 17 Battery Place, New York City.

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Inquiry at Standard Lighting
Fixtures Company (SLF)

On February 24, 1956, inquiry was made at the captioned electrical appliance retail store, located on the corners of Flatbush Avenue and Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

EDWARD STEIGER, Clerk, advised that the Standard Lighting Fixtures Company (SLF) formerly did business with the now defunct Raven Electric Company, operated during the 1940's by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN. STEIGER stated that the SLF was sold by its previous owner, ALBERT COHEN to SOL SCHNIDERMAN and MORTIMER CAFFES, the present owners, during 1951.

The surname KOVAL and a photograph of the subject were unfamiliar to STEIGER. The latter suggested that MAX BRAMBIER, presently employed with the Hobb Electric Company, West 40th Street, New York City, was the "counterman" for the SLF under the previous management and might possibly have information regarding the REC and the subject.

It is noted that WILLIAM FINE, previously mentioned, advised that he recalled KOVAL had a "contact" for the purchase of electrical appliances and equipment at an electrical retail store, located at the corners of Flatbush Avenue and Lafayette Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Regarding LEON SELDIN

Professor FORLICK, CCNY, advised on January 26, 1956, that a review of her personal records reflected that LEON SELDIN, an instructor in the Electrical Engineering Department at CCNY from 1946 to 1948, during 1955, resided at [REDACTED] Road, River Edge, New Jersey.

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IRVING WEISMANN, previously mentioned, advised on May 25, 1955, that LEON SELDIN, Electrical Engineering Instructor at CCNY, 1947 - 1948, was closely acquainted with the subject during 1948.

Regarding S. GERTZ and Daughter,
Mrs. GRACE LUBOR (possibly identical
with subject's uncle and cousin)

On March 14, 1955, Mrs. VIRGINIA KELLER, Deputy Clerk, Office of the Clerk of the District Court, Woodbury County, Sioux City, Iowa, advised SA WAYNE A. THOMPSON that the subject's aunt, PEARL KOVAL, on January 7, 1922, married SAM GERTZ, age 30 (1922), in Sioux City, Iowa.

On April 2, 1925, PEARL GERTZ, nee KOVAL, was awarded a divorce from SAM GERTZ, as recorded in Book 104, page 167 in Equity Case 50835, Sioux City, Iowa. According to the petition for the divorce, PEARL and SAM GERTZ had one child, [redacted] years of age (1925), custody being given to Mrs. PEARL GERTZ.

Information furnished by the Office of Naval Intelligence, during 1951, reflected a Mr. and Mrs. S. GERTZ, and their married daughter, [redacted] resided at [redacted] Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. S. GERTZ was described as a Sales Executive for the National Distillers Corporation.

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On October 3, 1955, Mrs. A. J. FRIEDMAN, [redacted] Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA ROBERT E. FARNER that [redacted] and her father resided at the above address, but moved to an unknown address in 1953. Mrs. FRIEDMAN stated that neither she nor other tenants could furnish additional information regarding [redacted] or her father, noting that the present tenants have moved into the apartment subsequent to the departure of S. GERTZ and his daughter.

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T-6, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised on October 3, 1955, that one [redacted] first name or middle initial not given, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, moved to [redacted] Houston, Texas on November 20, 1953.

A review of the Houston City Directory, by SA DONALD W. MORRIS, indicates that the address at [redacted] Houston, Texas, is occupied by one JOHN A. COLSON, and has been so occupied since 1954. Mr. COLSON is listed as a buyer for Armour and Company.

On December 19, 1955, T-7, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that there was no change of address listed for [redacted] or SAM GERTZ, formerly of [redacted] Avenue, Houston, Texas. The informant advised, however, that there had been a change of address dated August 11, 1953, from [redacted] for one JACK LUBOR to [redacted] Lane, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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On December 20, 1955, Mr. ALLEN W. HALE, [redacted] Avenue, Houston, Texas, advised SA DONALD W. MORRIS that JOHN COLSON and family resided next door. He stated that at present the COLSONS are on a vacation trip and as best he could recall, they had lived at that address since the latter part of 1953. Prior to that, the house was occupied for a short time by a young Air Force man named LUBOR, but he had been transferred. HALE advised the name of [redacted] or SAM GERTZ was unknown to him.

On January 31, 1956, RAY I. TURNER, OSI, Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised SA LESLIE B. DIECKMANN that a check of the Base Locator Files did not reflect that JACK LUBOR is or has been stationed at Nellis Air Force Base.

On January 31, 1956, WILLIAM BROWN, Chief of Civilian Personnel, Nellis Air Force Base, advised SA LESLIE B. DIECKMANN that a search of civilian personnel records did not reflect that JACK LUBOR is or has been

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employed at Nellis Air Force Base.

On February 1, 1956, VER' LEE KREMENEK, Clerk, Record Bureau, Las Vegas, Nevada, Police Department, and UNA GAMBILL, Clerk, Identification Bureau, Clark County SO, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised SA FORD E. HOLMES there was no record of JACK LUBOR in the files of their respective departments.

On February 1, 1956, records of the Credit Bureau of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, were checked by SA FORD E. HOLMES, and no record was located for JACK LUBOR.

Regarding WILLIAM A. ROSE

T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on May 8, 1955, which reflected that WILLIAM A. ROSE, Contractual Electrical Engineer Consultant with the REC, appeared at Local Board 126, Selective Service System, during July, 1942, to request an extension of the subject's Selective Service deferment at that board. ROSE displayed a United States Coast Guard card bearing Serial Number 712441, issued by the Port of New York to identify himself.

Lieutenant JOSEPH WARD, Intelligence Section, United States Coast Guard, on October 19, 1955, made available to SA GEORGE W. SCHNEIDER the following information concerning WILLIAM A. ROSE which was reflected in the latter's application dated July 27, 1942, to the United States Coast Guard for an Identification Card:

Name	WILLIAM A. ROSE
Address	71 Ridge Road Rutherford, New Jersey
Born	October 13, 1876 Boston, Massachusetts
Occupation	Contact - Consulting Electrical Engineer

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Employer

Raven Electric Company
11 West 25th Street
New York City

Coast Guard

Identification Card

(green) Serial Number

031-712441, issued
July 20, 1942

Mrs. D. R. GATES, [redacted] Avenue, Rutherford, New Jersey, advised SA LOUIS F. HIBIN, JR. on December 29, 1955, that she owned the residence at [redacted] Road, Rutherford, New Jersey, from about 1941 to 1944, and that WILLIAM A. ROSE rented a room from her at 71 Ridge Road, Rutherford, New Jersey, from 1941 to 1944. She stated that she received a letter from ROSE's wife, BERTHA CALLEY ROSE, 103 Hemmingway Road, Boston, Massachusetts, in 1949, stating that WILLIAM A. ROSE had died in the Spring of 1949. b6 b7C

Birth records of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, were reviewed on December 6, 1955, by SA EDWARD J. DUNN, JR. Page 188 of Volume 279 of the Birth Records indicated that one WILLIAM ALDEN ROSE was born on October 13, 1876, at Boston, Massachusetts. His parents were listed as F. BINS ROSE, born at Turner, Maine and FANNY B. ROSE, born Eastport, Maine.

Alumni records and scholastic records of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, were reviewed on December 6, 1955, and January 17, 1956, by SA EDWARD J. DUNN, JR. No record was located for WILLIAM A. ROSE.

Miss ANN FORTE, Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised on January 27, 1956, that she could locate no record for WILLIAM A. ROSE.

Personnel of the Massachusetts State Board of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for all criminal conviction records in

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the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, advised on January 11, 1956, that no record was located for WILLIAM L. ROSE.

A review of the Death Records, State House, Boston, Massachusetts, on January 27, 1956, by SA EDWARD J. DUNN, JR. did not reflect any record for ROSE'S death.

Mrs. EULA L. BOYD'S, 103 Hemenway Street, Boston, advised on February 3, 1956, that Mrs. BERTHA ROSE had roomed at this apartment house several years ago. She stated Mrs. ROSE died in 1950 or 1951. She added that Mrs. ROSE had been separated from her husband, WILLIAM ROSE, for many years, and that in 1949 WILLIAM ROSE had died in New York.

ENCLOSURE:

TO PHILADELPHIA

One passport photograph of
subject dated 1948.

TO CINCINNATI

One passport photograph of subject
dated 1948.

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Used to document BENJAMIN W. L. SSIEN



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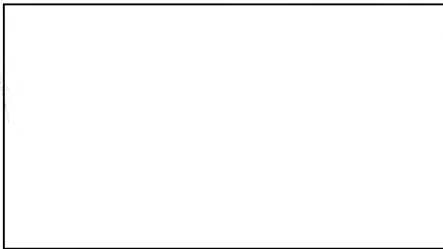
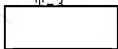
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Office, Ottawa,
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JOHN W.
ROBINSON,
Superinten-
dent of Mails,
Ravenswood
Branch Post
Office Station,
Chicago,
Illinois

Removal address
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T-7 [redacted]	Removal address for [redacted]	12/19/55	S. DONALD W. MORRIS	Instant file - Ser. 91
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T-8 Used to document WILLIAM I. ROSE

Local
Board 126,
Selective
Service
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Bronx, NY

[redacted] Used to document Amitas Corporation

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942 he was employed with the Raven Electric Company, NYC, owned by BENJAMIN W. LESSEN, a prime suspect for the unknown Soviet agent known by the

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[REDACTED] During 1945 he was employed in the Health and Physics Department of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he had access to material that could have varied from "unclassified" to "top secret". In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corporation, New York City, as a "commissioned representative," he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On 10/6/48, he departed the United States aboard the "SS America" destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts since that period are unknown. Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOV/L is a native born United States citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the United States in 1932 with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia, or outside the United States, from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an Electrical Engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at the College of the City of New York.

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The above brief summary was set out for the information of the Cincinnati and Philadelphia Offices, which have not received a prior communication in this case.

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BOSTON

At Boston, Massachusetts

Will, at MIT, review scholastic record for SEYMOUR LASSEN, in an attempt to identify the professor at MIT,

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who reportedly recommended SEYMOUR LASSEN for the "Cooperative Training Program" at that university during 1947 and 1948. If a professor can be so identified and in absence of derogatory information, interview that individual regarding his knowledge of the activities of BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, SEYMOUR LASSEN, REC, and the subject.

CHICAGO

At Chicago, Illinois

Will, at the National Distillers Corporation, attempt to locate a personnel record for S. GERTZ, a former resident of North Lawndale Avenue, Chicago, in an attempt to develop background information regarding GERTZ, to locate him for interview..

CINCINNATI

At Miamisburg, Ohio

Will, at the Dayton area office, AEC, review available records and conduct necessary investigation in an attempt to verify subject's reported assignment there with the MED during 1944 - 1945. If successful, interview or set out leads to locate AEC personnel who may have knowledge concerning the subject's assignment at Dayton area office. Develop all information regarding subject's activities, associates, and whereabouts.

LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles or Southgate, California

Will, at [] Street, Los Angeles, b6
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or [] Avenue, Southgate, attempt to locate CLIFF REID, to interview him concerning his knowledge of subject's activities at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The latter reportedly roomed with subject at Oak Ridge, Tennessee during subject's assignment there in 1944. b6 b7C

PHILADELPHIA

At Dillsburg, Pennsylvania

Will attempt to locate A. B. ZERBY, Executive of National Chapter of Eta Kappa Nu Fraternity, Post Office Drawer C, to make inquiry concerning the subject's reported membership in that fraternity, 1947-1948, and to obtain last recorded mailing address of subject.

At Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Will contact HARVEY GOLD and DAVID GREENGLASS regarding subject.

It is noted that the requested contacts with GOLD and GREENGLASS should be considered as "routine" by the Philadelphia Office.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will recontact LEON HAROLD TAMARIN, [] Street, LI, NY, concerning discrepancies in information previously furnished by him concerning his father's (FRANK TAMARIN) knowledge regarding BENJAMIN LASSEN and the subject. b6 b7C

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2. Will make inquiry regarding the subject at Amitas Corporation, 50 Broadway, where he reportedly applied for employment during 1948.

3. Will recontact STEWARD D. BLOOM, Brookhaven National Laboratory, regarding a class photograph of subject's ASTP class at CCNY.

☐ 4. Will interview SEYMOUR D. USLW, ☐ regarding the subject.

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5. Will, at Hobbs Electric Company, West 40th Street, attempt to locate MAX BRAMBIER, to interview him regarding subject.

6. Will check appropriate death records, NYC, in an effort to verify reported death of WILLIAM A. ROSE, during 1949.

7. Will request Bureau authority to interview HAROLD TAMARIN, ☐ Avenue, Queens, LI, NY, regarding subject.

*Will review indices regarding FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC, to develop information which might assist this investigation.

*Will interview HERBERT TAUP, faculty member, CCNY, regarding subject.

REFERENCE Report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, JR., 1/11/56, NY.

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REPORT MADE AT NEWARK	DATE WHEN MADE 3/26/56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/23/56	REPORT MADE BY BENSON R. MOORE	BSB
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mr. and Mrs. LEON SELDIN, [redacted] Road, River Edge, N.J., state subject only an acquaintance and could furnish no information regarding subject's past activities or whereabouts. SELDIN advised they met subject through a mutual friend, GEORGE ROSE, [redacted] Road, Drexel Hill, Pa.

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DETAILS:

On March 23, 1956, Mr. and Mrs. LEON SELDIN, [redacted] Road, River Edge, New Jersey, advised SAs FREDERICK C. ZINCK and BENSON R. MOORE that they had not seen the subject since September, 1947, at which time they moved from New York City to their present address.

The SELDINS described their relationship with the subject as being that of a casual acquaintance whom they met through a mutual friend, GEORGE ROSE, now residing at [redacted] Road, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. According to Mr. and Mrs. SELDIN, the only contact they had with the subject was in connection with bowling activities and therefore were not in a position to describe the subject's past activities or associates other than GEORGE ROSE. Mr. and Mrs. SELDIN concluded by stating that they were unaware that the whereabouts

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of the subject was unknown inasmuch as their association was rather casual and that they had never had the occasion to make any inquiries regarding him.

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Mr. and Mrs. SELDIN said that GEORGE ROSE was a chemical engineer working in Philadelphia and that he has a brother, ARNOLD, believed also to be residing in Philadelphia. According to the SELDINS, they were not aware of any relationship between WILLIAM A. ROSE and GEORGE ROSE.

Inasmuch as the Newark Office is not in a position to know if GEORGE ROSE had been interviewed regarding the subject, a lead to interview ROSE is being left to the discretion of the New York Office.

REFERENCE

New York airtel to Newark dated 2/21/56.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-67911)

March 26, 1956

SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

GEORGE KOVAL
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OO: New York

Re: report of SA HARRY H. WIDEMAN dated 3/9/56 at
Los Angeles, and reports of SA WALTER G. GUPPIL, JR., dated
6/29/55 and 11/19/55 at New York.

JUAN MORDENTZIN, nee WINKELSTEIN, former girl friend
of KOVAL, was interviewed at La Verne, California, on
February 20, 1956. Page 10, paragraph 2 of referenced report
dated March 9, 1956, reflects that she recalled that in
December, 1950, she attended a New Year's Eve party at an
unknown address in West Los Angeles and there met a man and
woman whose last name was either "ROSE" or "HOSE" who told her
that they were associated with Signal Laboratories at Los
Angeles. She recalled these persons stated that they knew
GEORGE KOVAL, who had attended City College of New York, and
further, that they had met him in Paris, France, during either
1949 or 1950.

Records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association
of Los Angeles reflect a report dated November 12, 1953,
concerning one WILLIAM RUSSELL ROSE, age about 34; wife, HILDA D.
ROSE, residence - Box 2 Skyline Drive, Burbank, California;
former residence - 661 North Oak Knoll, Pasadena, California,
and 240 - 17th Street, Oakland, California. This report
reflects the ROSES originally came from Cambridge, Massachusetts,
his employment was reflected as Signal Laboratories, 614 North
La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, and he is half owner of this
company. He was formerly employed by Esairon Pharmaceutical Supplies
Company, 1812 Georgia, Los Angeles, about three years, and left
that employment in July, 1947. He was formerly with L. A.
Butcher Company (Atom Bomb Prod.), claimed one year, more
previous with OAK RIDGE PROJECT, OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE; one year
United States Army from 1941 to 1945. In May, 1944, his wife,
HILDA, was employed as IBM operator, Bank of America, Los Angeles.

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Report of Dun and Bradstreet, Inc., Los Angeles, dated January 5, 1956, reflects that Sigmund Laboratories at the above address is a manufacturer of pharmaceuticals, a partnership composed of WILLIAM RUSSELL HOPE and JAMES TRICHSEL WHITE. This business began in 1949.

This report reflects that HOPE was born in 1910 in Massachusetts and is married. He came to California in 1923. He received a B. A. Degree in Chemistry from Stanford University, Masters Degree from Columbia University, and a Doctor's Degree from the University of Basel in Switzerland (no dates shown). He was formerly an associate professor of chemistry at the University of California and a lecturer at the University of Southern California. He was formerly active as a consultant operating from 119 North La Peer Drive, Beverly Hills, California, until becoming interested in this partnership.

This report reflects that JAMES TRICHSEL WHITE was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1917 and is married. He has resided locally for a number of years. Prior to becoming interested in this partnership, he was a securities broker and insurance agent.

The Los Angeles indices reflect no information regarding WILLIAM RUSSELL HOPE and no information identifiable with JAMES TRICHSEL WHITE or HILDA B. HOPE or Sigmund Laboratories.

Referenced report dated June 29, 1955, on page 9 reflects information regarding one WILLIAM A. ROSE, a consultant of Navon Electrical Corporation of New York City, who on July 20, 1942, appeared at Local Board 126, New York City, and requested an extension of ROYAL's Selective Service deferment for occupational reasons.

Referenced report dated November 19, 1955, page 8, reflects background concerning one WILLIAM A. ROSE, Coast Guard Identification No. 712441.

Los Angeles wishes to point out the similarity in the names WILLIAM A. ROSE, above, and WILLIAM R. HOPE, partner of Sigmund Laboratories, Los Angeles. The above referenced reports also reflect that the Coast Guard Identification No. 712441 was issued to WILLIAM A. ROSE on July 20, 1942, which it is noted in the same date that WILLIAM A. ROSE appeared

at the Local Board 126, New York City, seeking deferment for KOVAL.

Los Angeles contemplates an interview of WILLIAM RUSSELL ROSE; however, prior thereto, requests a search of the Bureau indices for any pertinent information identifiable with ROSE, his wife, WILDA D. ROSE, partner, JAMES HERSCHEL WITTE, or the Signit Laboratories.

The New York, San Francisco, and Boston offices are also requested to expeditiously furnish any information from their files identifiable with the above named individuals.

Upon receipt of information requested above, Los Angeles will, unless some evident reason exists to indicate otherwise, or unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, interview WILLIAM RUSSELL ROSE and WILDA D. ROSE regarding their complete knowledge of GEORGE KOVAL. Particular emphasis will be placed on their knowledge of KOVAL's activities in Paris, France, in either 1949 or 1950, and knowledge of KOVAL's present whereabouts and activities, and WILLIAM ROSE's knowledge of KOVAL's activities and acquaintances at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, between 1941 and 1945. It is pointed out that ROSE might have been closely acquainted with KOVAL during service with the United States Army at Oak Ridge since it appears from the above information that both KOVAL and WILLIAM ROSE were at Oak Ridge during the same time; namely, 1944 and 1945.

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REPORTING OFFICE PHOENIX, ARIZONA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE MAR 3 0 1956	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/18;2/14;3/15,26,27/56
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		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS:

ELI SILVER and his wife, JACKIE, receive mail at [redacted] Marinette, Arizona. ELI SILVER, who came to Arizona from Corcoran, California, is employed in Marinette by the J. G. Boswell Ranch Company as an entomologist. List of communications received by Mr. and Mrs. ELI SILVER set forth.

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DETAILS:AT MARINETTE, ARIZONA:

T-1 and T-2, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 18, 1956, that ELI SILVER and his wife, JACKIE, reside in a house owned by the J. G. Boswell Ranch Company at Marinette, Arizona, where he is employed as an entomologist. Mr. and Mrs. SILVER came to Marinette from Corcoran, California, where he was also employed by the J. G. Boswell Ranch Company.

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T-1 and T-2 advised on February 14, March 1 and 15, 1956, that the following communications were received:

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Postmarked</u>	<u>Other</u>
[redacted] Los Angeles 36, Calif.	ELI SILVER [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Las Vegas, Nev., 2/3/56 1 a.m.	Envelope of "The Riviera", Las Vegas, Nev.
[redacted] Los Angeles 46, Calif.	Mrs. ELI SILVER [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Los Angeles, Calif. 2/12/56	
[redacted] Van Nuys, Calif.	Mr. and Mrs. E. SILVER [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Anaheim, Cal. 2/14/56, 10 a.m.	
[redacted] Los Angeles, Calif.	Mr. and Mrs. ELI SILVER [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Los Angeles, Calif. 1:30 p.m.	b6 b7c
[redacted] Fresno, Calif.	Mrs. J. Silver [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Fresno, Calif. Feb. 15, 8 p.m.	
B. Silver [redacted] Hollywood 46, Calif.	Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Los Angeles, Calif. Feb. 18, 4 p.m.	
Kobenhaven Danmark	Mr. and Mrs. ELI SILVER, [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Feb. 18, 1956 so much to Kongelio Post do and so little time to do it. signed Mort.	
[redacted] Los Angeles 36, Calif.	Mrs. ELI SILVER [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Los Angeles, Calif. 2/23/56	

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<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Postmarked</u>	<u>Other</u>
Corcoran, Calif.. [redacted]	ELI SILVER [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Corcoran, Calif. 2/23/56	First Western Bank Trust Company
[redacted] Los Angeles 4, Calif.	Mr. and Mrs. ELI SILVER [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Los Angeles, Calif. 2/26/56	
David Cline, O.D. Los Angeles, Calif. [redacted]	Mr. and Mrs. ELI SILVER [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Los Angeles, Calif. 2/26/56 8 p.m.	
[redacted] Beverly Hills, Calif.	Mrs. ELI SILVER [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Beverly Hills, California 12:30 p.m.	
[redacted] Hillside and Dwight Berkeley, Calif.	Mrs. ELI SILVER [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Berkeley, Calif. 2/28/56 3 p.m.	b6 b7c
[redacted] Los Angeles 36, Calif.	Mrs. ELI SILVER [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Los Angeles, Calif. 3/2/56 12:30 p.m.	
Mrs. LeVerne [redacted] Venice, Calif.	Mr. and Mrs. ELI SILVER [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Venice, Calif. 3/2/56 7 p.m.	
Treasury Dept. Bureau of Public Debt Chicago Dept. Office 536 South Clark St. Chicago 5, Ill.	ELI SILVER [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Chicago 5, Ill. 3/6/56	
Arch [redacted] Hillside and Dwight Berkeley, Calif.	Mrs. ELI SILVER [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Berkeley, Calif. 3/6/56, 3:30 p.m.	

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[redacted] Los Angeles 36, Calif.	Mrs. ELI SILVER [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Los Angeles, Calif. 1:30 p.m.	
Eugene Silver [redacted] Los Angeles 4, Calif.	Mr. and Mrs. ELI SILVER [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Apple Valley, Calif. 3/8/56 2:30 p.m.	
Goldie Gurslitt [redacted] Sherman Oaks, Calif.	The Silvers [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Van Nuys, Calif. South Postal Annex, 3/9/56 10 a.m.	
[redacted] Los Angeles 35, Calif.	Mr. and Mrs. ELI SILVER [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	East Los Angeles, Calif., 3/9/56 1 p.m.	
[redacted] Beverly Hills, Calif.	Mrs. Jackie Silver [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Los Angeles, Calif. 3/9/56 7:30 p.m.	
[redacted] Los Angeles, Calif.	Mrs. ELI SILVER [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Beverly Hills, Calif. 3/11/56 5 p.m.	
[redacted] Los Angeles 24, Calif.	Mrs. Lee Silver [redacted] Marinette, Ariz.	Los Angeles, Calif. 3/10/56 5:30 p.m.	

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The Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company, 110 North Second Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, advised on March 27, 1956, that ELI SILVER, Marinette, Arizona, had no telephone and in fact no individual by the name of SILVER had a telephone in Marinette.

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A mail cover was placed on February 14, 1956, with [redacted] Marinette, Arizona, and [redacted] Marinette, on February 14, 1956.

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

T-1 - [redacted] who furnished information to SA CALVIN W. EVANS on January 18, February 14, March 1, and March 15, 1956.

T-2 - [redacted] who furnished information to SA CALVIN W. EVANS on January 18, February 14, March 1, and March 15, 1956.

Both are concealed because of their position with the U. S. Post Office, Marinette, Arizona.

LEADS

No lead is being set forth to identify at [redacted] Hillside and Dwight, Berkeley, California, inasmuch as this individual is a correspondent with Mrs. ELI SILVER.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

1. Will review its file and if not already identified, will identify the various correspondents with ELI SILVER who reside in the Los Angeles territory.

NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK:

1. Will advise whether an interview with ELI SILVER will interfere with the investigation of this case.

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LEADS (continued)

NEW YORK DIVISION (continued)

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK: (continued)

In the event it will not and it is desired to have
ELI SILVER interviewed, will advise the Phoenix
Division so that Bureau authorization for his interview
may be requested.

REFERENCES

Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 1/5/56.

SAC, Los Angeles (65-6124)

March 27, 1956

Director, FBI (65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL
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Reurlet 3-9-56.

Interviews with following listed relatives
of subject authorized:

Pearl Silver,
Eugene Silver,
Harry and Goldie Gurshtel,
Sarah Begun.

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SAC, BOSTON (65-3981)

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GEORGE KOVAL
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(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau, 3/26/56.

Indices of the Boston Office contained no information relating to
WILLIAM RUSSELL ROSE, HILDA D. ROSE or JAMES HERSCHEL WHITE.

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GEORGE KOVAL
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(OO: New York)

Re Los Angeles letter, 3/26/56.

Re New York report, 3/22/56.

Indices of the NYO, as reviewed 4/5/56, reflected no information which could be determined identifiable with WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE, HILDA D. HOSE, JAMES HERSCHEL WHITE, or the Signet Laboratories, mentioned in relet.

In event WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE is interviewed at Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Office will question HOSE concerning BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, former owner of the Raven Electric Company, NYC, mentioned in rerep. In addition to developing information, HOSE may have concerning subject's present whereabouts, any information he might have regarding subject's activities 1932 - 1941 should be developed.

Attention of Los Angeles directed to rerep which reflects most recent information developed regarding WILLIAM A. ROSE, reportedly deceased in New York during 1949.

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SAC, Los Angeles (65-6124)

April 19, 1956

Director, FBI (65-62911)

GEORGE KOVAL
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Reurlet 3-26-56.

Bureau files contain no pertinent
information identifiable with the following on
the basis of available identifying data:

William Russell Rose
Hilda D. Rose
James Herschel White
Signet Laboratories.

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TO : SAC, NY (65-16756)

DATE: April 20, 1956

FROM : SA Walter L. Gierke, Jr.

SUBJECT: George Kaval
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The Bayshore RA is requested to re-contact Steward D. Bloom, employed at the Brookhaven National Laboratory, regarding the results of his efforts to locate a "group photograph" of the subject's Army Specialized Training Program Class at CCNY.

It is noted that when last contacted (2/13/56) Bloom advised that he would attempt to locate the above described photograph, which included home addresses, in order to furnish it to the

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)(6)

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FROM : SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR

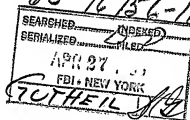
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SUBJECT: GEORGE KOVAL
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Re memo of SA W. E. GUTHRIE dated 4/20/56.

Stewart D. Bloom was contacted at the Brookhaven Nat. Lab., Upton, N.Y. on 4/24/56. He agreed to locate and send to writer group photo to the writer. Said photo was received in today's mail from BLOOM. Photo is attached. Same should be returned to the writer for return to BLOOM.

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Director, FBI (105-62911)
SAC, San Francisco (105-3751)

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GEORGE KOVAL,
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Re LAlet 3/26/56.

Indices of the San Francisco Division contain no record
of WILLIAM RUSSELL HOSE, HILDA D. HOSE or the Signet Laboratories,
and no data identifiable with JAMES HERSCHEL WHITE. - RUC -

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

GEORGE KOVAL
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The Bureau's attention is directed to the report of SA VALER G. GUTERIL, JR., of NY, 1/11/56, in instant case, which reflected information concerning HAROLD TAMARIN, described as a former employee of the Raven Electric Co., at New York City from November, 1948 to November, 1950. Inasmuch as HAROLD TAMARIN is identical with the subject of the investigation entitled "HAROLD TAMARIN, SM-C" (NY file 100-56205) the following pertinent information reported for TAMARIN in that case and developed during instant investigation is set forth in accordance with existing Bureau instructions:

A and B: HAROLD TAMARIN, and his wife, MARILYN TAMARIN nee NICHOLSON are of the white race, and presently reside at [redacted], Queens, Long Island, NY. HAROLD TAMARIN's occupation was described as "truck driver" (employer unknown) by his brother LEON RABELO TAMARIN during December, 1955. The current occupation and employment for HAROLD TAMARIN's wife is presently unknown.

C and D: On 3/16/44, HAROLD TAMARIN was identified by [redacted] as a member of the 15th Ward Club of the Communist Political Association (CPA), Baltimore, Md. While a resident at [redacted] NYC, HAROLD TAMARIN was identified by informants of the NYO as a subscriber to the following publications on the dates indicated:

2/25/52 and 4/16/53, "The Worker",
8/19/53, "National Guardian".

On 4/19/44, [redacted] identified "MARILYN NICHOLSON" as active in work for the American Youth for Democracy. On 2/3/44 SA JAMES T. HIGHER observed "MARILYN NICHOLSON" in attendance at a meeting of the State Committee of the CPA, Baltimore, Md. On 11/29/44 Baltimore-CT 775 made available information which identified "MARILYN NICHOLSON" as a member of the Ten Pains Club, CPA, Baltimore, Md. It is noted that MARILYN NICHOLSON married HAROLD TAMARIN during July, 1944.

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It is further noted that HAROLD HIGDON is the subject of the investigation entitled "UNKNOWN SHIRLEY HIGDON, was; Security Matter (C)" (NY file 100-51325).

D: [redacted] brother, [redacted] previously interviewed in instant case, is possibly identical with [redacted] Brooklyn, NY," who according to information furnished by G-2, USA, during 1944, signed CP nominating petitions dated 8/20/40 and 1/31/42.

F: An previously noted herein, the only information known to the NYO relating to the present suspicion of HAROLD HIGDON, is that during 1952 and 1953 he subscribed to "The Worker" and "The National Guardian." Concerning [redacted] wife it is noted that during April, 1945 she was described as inactive in the CPA subsequent to her marriage to [redacted] [redacted] during July, 1944.

G: The NYO proposes an interview with [redacted] in an effort to develop any information known to him concerning the captioned subject and the Raven Electric Co. An interview with [redacted] might possibly also prove productive concerning the investigation entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, was; 'Papa, LSA-R', which investigation has recently primarily concerned interviews with former employees of the aforementioned Raven Electric Company. It is noted that [redacted] is an operator, as affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities, but a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau setting forth the results of the interview and requesting authority to recontact [redacted] as a potential security informant.

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TO : SAC, NY (65-16756)

DATE: April 30, 1956

FROM : SA Walter C. Gutheil Jr.

SUBJECT: George Koval
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Re memo of SA Daniel J. O'Connor, 4/26/56,
captioned as above. As per the request
of Steward D. Bloom, the photograph of
the subject's ASTP class at CCNY, is being
returned to the Bayshore RD so that it can
be returned to Bloom.

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Returned
to Bloom by
D. Gutheil
on 5/3/56

Attachment: One print of class photograph of subject's
ASTP class, CCNY, with notations of
each member's home address.

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Reporting Office CINCINNATI	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 1/30/56	Investigative Period 3/20; 4/18/56
TITLE OF CASE GEORGE ROYAL		Report made by LUIGI L. SUGGEX, JR. (A)	Typed by pai
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

Synopsis:

No record of subject at AEC Area Office, Mound Laboratory, Miamisburg, Ohio. Monsanto Chemical Company operators of Mound Laboratory, Miamisburg, Ohio, Geo. Ref. #49070, RFL (J). Records reflect subject assigned M.L.D., Dayton, Ohio, under S.E.D., U.S. Army on 6/27/45. JOHN L. MADLEY, General Operating Supervisor, Mound Laboratory, advised transferred from Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to Dayton, Ohio, with subject in 6/45. Roomed with subject 7/45 to 1/46 at Dayton, Ohio. Only contacts known were members of S.E.D. assigned to U.S.D., Dayton. Records reflect subject in New York City, Spring of 1948. Subject mentioned he was going to Europe on business. Other acquaintances of subject employed Mound Laboratory have not seen subject since 1946, and possess no information regarding associations or activities. Mrs. EDITH G. FISHER, [redacted] Street, Dayton, recalled subject an acquaintance of her daughter, JANEZ, during Summer of 1945. JANEZ now married to HENRY J. BOWEN and residing in France.

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DETAILS:

AT MIAMISBURG, OHIO

Mr. EUGENE OTTO, Security Officer, AEC, Area Office, Mound Laboratory, Miamisburg, Ohio, advised SA EUGENE I. TUGGEY, JR. (A) on March 30, 1956, that the records of his office are negative regarding the subject. Mound Laboratory, Miamisburg, Ohio, is operated by the Monsanto Chemical Company for the AEC, Geographical Reference #40070, KFL (J).

Mrs. DOROTHY RYBURN, Personnel Supervisor, Monsanto Chemical Company, Mound Laboratory, advised SAA TUGGEY on April 18, 1956, that she had a one page reference to the subject's employment listed in her personnel records. The following information appeared on this record:

GEORGE KOVAL, 1111 North Main Street, Dayton, Ohio, transferred to Manhattan Engineering District, Dayton, Ohio, on June 27, 1945, as a corporal attached to the Special Engineering Detachment, U. S. Army. KOVAL was born December 25, 1913, at Sioux City, Iowa. His father is listed as ABRAHAM KOVAL and mother ETHEL S. KOVAL. His education is listed as two and a half years of college at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, from 1929 to 1932. KOVAL'S religion is listed as Jewish. The record further reflected that the subject was single at this time.

Mrs. RYBURN advised that she could locate no further record regarding the subject in her files.

JOHN L. BRADLEY, General Operating Supervisor, Monsanto Chemical Company, Mound Laboratory, advised SAA TUGGEY on April 18, 1956, that he was transferred to the Manhattan Engineering District, Dayton, Ohio, in June, 1945. He stated that he had been assigned to the Manhattan Engineering District project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and that he was transferred to Dayton with the subject who also had been assigned to the Manhattan Engineering District (M.E.D.) at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Mr. BRADLEY stated that he knew of the subject at Oak Ridge, but had not associated with him.

to any degree. BRADLEY and the subject travelled together on transfer to Dayton, Ohio, and BRADLEY states that they secured a room at 1111 North Main Street, Dayton, Ohio, which they shared from July, 1945, to August, 1945. BRADLEY recalled that in August, 1945, they then moved to 825 Grand Street where they shared a room together until January, 1946. BRADLEY stated that at that time he married and the subject then moved to a room at the YMCA, Dayton, Ohio, where he stayed for approximately one month when he, the subject, was discharged from the U. S. Army.

BRADLEY also advised that the subject was assigned to Unit 3 of the Manhattan Engineering District project, Dayton, Ohio, while he, BRADLEY was assigned to Unit 4. He stated that to the best of his recollection the subject was assigned to the Health and Physics Division. BRADLEY stated he and the subject did not have a great deal of contact on the job. He further stated that the majority of the subject's contacts were with men assigned to the Special Engineering Detachment. He stated that at that time they were working six days a week on this project and to his knowledge the subject had no contact with individuals in Dayton, Ohio, to any degree who were not also employed by the Manhattan Engineering District. He stated he had social contact with the subject off the job due to the fact that they roomed together and he knows of no associates, acquaintances or business contacts of the subject outside of the employees at M.E.D. in Dayton.

He further stated the subject talked very little of his family background and he was under the impression the subject had no family. He further stated he knew very little of the subject aside from the contacts they had during the period they were assigned together at Dayton, Ohio.

BRADLEY did recall that the subject had some contact with a girl by the name of JANET, last name FISHER, employed by M.E.D. during the Summer of 1945. This girl left employment that year to return to college. He also recalled JANET had a sister also employed during the same period of time, first name MARGE.

BRADLEY in conclusion stated that the only contact he has had with the subject since January, 1946, was in the Spring of 1948, when he happened to see the subject on the street in New York City at which time they exchanged a few words. Subject advised him at the time that he had secured a job as a sales manager with an electrical wholesale company. Subject also mentioned something to the effect that he had a big business deal pending and he expected to travel abroad to Europe during 1948, in connection with his business. BRADLEY advised he could furnish no additional information regarding the activities, associates or possible whereabouts of the subject.

JOSEPH L. SPIKA, Business Manager, Monsanto Chemical Company, Mound Laboratory, advised SAA TUGGEY on April 18, 1956, that he recalled the subject as an individual attached to the Special Engineering Detachment, Manhattan Engineering District, Dayton, Ohio, during 1945. SPIKA advised at the time he was Personnel Officer and Plant Security Officer and had occasional contact with the subject. He further advised he had no detailed information regarding the subject and was not aware of any of the subject's associates or relatives. He advised he has no information regarding the subject since subject left Dayton in 1946.

Dr. JOSEPH W. HEYD, Section Chief, Research Division, Monsanto Chemical Company, Mound Laboratory, advised SAA TUGGEY on April 18, 1956, that he recalled the subject while subject was attached to the Special Engineering Detachment, Manhattan Engineering District, Dayton, Ohio, during 1945, and the early part of 1946. He stated subject was assigned to Unit 3 and he recalls the subject as a rather intelligent, pleasant individual. He stated he never heard anything derogatory concerning the subject and possesses no information regarding the subject's associates, activities or contacts. Dr. HEYD advised he has not seen the subject since he left Dayton in 1946.

DOROTHY RYBURN, Personnel Department, located a reference to employment for a JANET and MARJORIE FISHER, [redacted] Dayton, Ohio, who were employed by M.E.D. during the Summer of 1945.

Mrs. EDITH C. FISHER, [redacted] Street, Dayton, Ohio, was contacted by SAA TUGGEY on April 18, 1956, at which time she advised she recalled the subject after viewing his photograph. She stated her daughter, JANET, had brought the subject to their home on one or two occasions to play bridge. She stated that to her knowledge JANET associated with the subject only during her summer employment during 1945, at the Manhattan Engineering District. She stated that she has not heard of or seen the subject since 1945, and does not believe JANET has had any contact with the subject since that time.

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Mrs. FISHER stated JANET is now married to HENRY J. BOWKER who is employed as the Project Manager for the firm of Frank Grad and Sons - Seelze, Stevenson, Value and Knecht - Joint Venture Architects - Engineers, 11 Commerce, Newark 2, New Jersey. Mrs. FISHER stated that her daughter and son-in-law are at the present time residing at Chateau de Felcourt, Loisy - Sur - Marne, France, where her son-in-law is employed by the above-mentioned company.

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The interested agency of Mound Laboratory, Miamisburg, Ohio, listed on the Key Facility List is the Atomic Energy Commission.

Mrs. DOROTHY RYBURN, Personnel Department, Monsanto Chemical Company, advised when contacted that with considerable research she felt it would be possible to obtain the names of all men assigned to Units 3 and 4 of the Special Engineering Detachment, Manhattan Engineering District, Dayton, Ohio, during the time subject was employed there. She stated, however, that she did not have the current addresses of these people unless they were now employed by Monsanto Chemical Company. It is being left to the discretion of the New York Division to determine whether such names should be requested of the Monsanto Chemical Company.

REFERENCE: Report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, JR. at New York dated 3/22/56.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

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SAC, CINCINNATI (65-2087)

GEORGE KOVAL
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Re report of SA EUGENE I. TUGGEE, JR. (A) dated April 30, 1956, at Cincinnati, attached herewith.

Referenced report reflects a female acquaintance of the subject while he was assigned to the Special Engineering Detachment, Manhattan Engineering District, Dayton, Ohio, during the Summer of 1945, identified as JANET FISHER.

JANET FISHER'S mother, Mrs. EDITH C. FISHER, has advised that JANET is now Mrs. HENRY J. BOWKER and that her son-in-law is employed as the Project Manager for the firm of Frank Grad and Sons - Seelze, Stevenson, Value and Knecht - Joint Venture Architects - Engineers, 11 Commerce, Newark 2, New Jersey. Mrs. FISHER stated that her son-in-law is at the present time engaged in a construction project in France, and her daughter's present address is as follows:

Mrs. HENRY J. BOWKER
Chateau de Felcourt,
Loisy - Sur - Marne, France

It is suggested that the Bureau, through its liaison representatives, contact Mrs. JANET BOWKER in an effort to obtain any additional background information she may possess regarding subject and to determine if she has had any contact with him since the Summer of 1945.

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SAC, BOSTON (65-3981)

GEORGE KOVAL
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OO: NY

Re report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, JR., dated March 22, 1956,
at New York.

Mr. WARREN WELLS, Assistant Registrar, Massachusetts Institute
of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised SA EDWARD J. DUNN, JR.,
on April 30, 1956, that records of M.I.T. contain no information
relating to the professor who recommended SEYMOUR LASSEN for the
"Cooperative Training Program" at M.I.T. during 1947 and 1948.

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TITLE OF CASE GEORGE KOVAL		REPORT MADE BY WAYNE G. HUNT	TYPED BY MEMed
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS:

Subject not known to DAVID GREENGLASS and HARRY GOLD, admitted former Soviet espionage agents, and presently inmates at U. S. Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa. ALTON B. ZERBE, Executive Secretary, National Fraternity, Eta Kappa Nu, unable to locate a record of subject.

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DETAILS:

At Lewisburg, Pa.

Photograph of subject was exhibited to DAVID GREENGLASS and HARRY GOLD, admitted former Soviet espionage agents, and presently inmates at the U. S. Penitentiary, on March 29, 1956, and May 9, 1956, respectively, and both advised that subject is unknown to them.

At Dillsburg, Pa.

Mr. ALTON B. ZERBY, when contacted by SA EDWARD A. MURPHY on April 30, 1956, identified himself as the Executive Secretary of the National Honorary Fraternity Eta Kappa Nu. He stated a search of the records maintained by him containing the names of present and past members, both living and dead, failed to reflect the name of GEORGE KOVAL.

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Reference

Report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, dated 3/22/56, at New York.

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Interview of Harold Tamarin authorized.

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Rerep of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, JR., dated March 22, 1956, at New York, setting forth lead to check personnel records for S. GERTZ at the National Distillers Corporation, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. ROBERT MILLER, Office Manager, National Distillers Products Corporation, Beverage Sales Division, 300 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA CHARLES O. KENNERLY, JR., on May 8, 1956, that the records of the Beverage Sales Division failed to reflect an employment of anyone with the last name of GERTZ.

Mr. MILLER telephonically contacted Mr. ALBERT GRAY, Personnel Manager of U.S. Industrial Chemical Company, Chemical Division, 4100 South Cicero Avenue, a division of National Distillers Products Corporation, who advised that his records did not reflect the employment of an individual with the last name GERTZ.

According to Mr. MILLER, the personnel records at the National Distillers Products Corporation, 99 Park Avenue, New York City, would reflect the employment of an individual who was employed on a salary basis or in an executive capacity for the National Distillers Products Corporation.

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Date: May 16, 1956

To:

Washington, D. C.

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: GEORGE KOVAL
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Reference is made to previous communications in this matter.

Information has been developed that while assigned to the Special Engineering Detachment, Manhattan Engineering District, Dayton, Ohio, during the summer of 1945, George Koval was acquainted with a Miss Janet Fisher. Janet Fisher is now the wife of Henry J. Bowker who is employed as Project Manager for the firm of Frank Graf and Sons - Seelze, Stevenson, Value and Knecht, Newark, N. J., and is presently engaged on construction project in France. Her present address is: 65-16756

Mrs. Henry J. Bowker
Chateau de Felcourt,
Laisy - Sur - Marne, France

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Our files reflect that in 1942 Harry Joseph Bowker, then a Lieutenant Commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve, was subject of General Court-Martial which involved his threatening a police officer with a forty-five automatic. Bowker was found guilty of "conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman" but his sentence of dismissal from service was subsequently remitted. Our files contain no information reflecting unfavorably upon his loyalty or that of his wife.

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It is requested that through your contacts in France you arrange an interview with Mrs. Bowler in an attempt to determine: (1) any additional background information she may have concerning George Koval; (2) any information which might indicate Koval's implication in Soviet intelligence or subversive activity; (3) whether she has had any contact with him since 1945; and (4) any information which might indicate his present whereabouts.

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

GEORGE KOVAL
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Re: SA HARRY H. WHIDERS, 3/9/56, Los Angeles,
and LA let to Director 3/26/56.

WILLIAM RUSSELL ROSE, Partner, Signet Laboratories,
614 North La Peer Avenue, Los Angeles, was interviewed by
SA HARRY H. WHIDERS on 5/3/56. ROSE advised that he and
his wife DORIS took a trip to Europe including a stop in
Paris, France, in April, May and June of 1953. He said
they returned to the United States in June of 1953 aboard
the ship "Liberte". He recalled attending a New Year's
Eve party at the home of Mr. EDWARD STEARNS, 823 Greentree
Road, Pacific Palisades, California, in December 1953 after
his return from the Europe trip. ROSE states he does not
recognize a photograph of KOVAL as anyone known to him and
failed to recall a conversation with a young woman regarding
KOVAL at the STEARNS' New Year's Eve party in 1953. He
was positive he had never met KOVAL during this trip to
Europe and stated he had not previously travelled to Europe
with his wife.

He advised he was employed for the Manhattan
Engineering District, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, from January 13,
1945, to sometime in January 1946. This employment was in
the Personnel Procurement Division. He stated he spent the
majority of this year on the road pursuing recruits for
employment at Oak Ridge and only visited Oak Ridge occasionally.
He recalls no acquaintance with a person named KOVAL at any
time and specifically recalls no acquaintance with KOVAL at
Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in 1945.

ROSE conferred with his wife, DORIS ROSE (HILDA D.
ROSE), by telephone. She confirmed the dates of travel to
Europe and could recall no meetings with anyone named KOVAL
during this European tour or at Paris, France. She likewise
failed to recall a conversation at the STEARNS' New Year's
Eve party 1953 with a young woman regarding a person named

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KOVAL, Mr. ROSE then confirmed their presence at the STEARNS party with Mrs. HARRIET STEARNS by telephone. Mrs. STEARNS failed to recall any guests at this party named JACK JUPITER who had accompanied a young woman at the New Year's Eve party at which this conversation regarding KOVAL took place.

ROSE advises he recalls no knowledge of contact with a firm named Raven Electrical Corporation or a person named BENJAMIN W. LASSEN and states he is certain he has had no close dealings with this firm or person at any time.

Mrs. JEAN MORDETZKY, nee Jean Finkelstein, [redacted] b6 b7C
[redacted] La Verne, California, was recontacted by SA WHILDERS on 5/14/56. She states she is positive it was a New Year's party held in December 1950 which she attended with JACK JUPITER at which she met Mr. and Mrs. ROSE of Signet Laboratories. She advises that after reflection on this matter, Mr. ROSE either stated that he and his wife had met GEORGE KOVAL in Paris, France, during their recent trip there or that Mr. ROSE stated he knew GEORGE KOVAL and a mutual friend had stated he had recently seen GEORGE KOVAL in Paris, France. Mrs. MORDETZKY advises ordinarily such a conversation would be vague; however, due to the importance that GEORGE KOVAL played in her life and the fact that this was the only time she had heard of GEORGE KOVAL since his disappearance in September 1949, it was sufficiently important for her to remember and she is positive of the dates and names of Mr. and Mrs. ROSE as previously stated during the first interview by Bureau Agents.

She recalled definitely that this Mr. ROSE knew GEORGE KOVAL at sometime previous and she stated she is reasonably certain that she and this Mr. ROSE were talking about the name GEORGE KOVAL.

In view of the above discrepancies regarding the year in which the New Year's Eve party was held at which MORDETZKY met ROSE (Mr. ROSE claims visited Europe in 1953 - MORDETZKY advised it was December 1950 when this conversation occurred between she and ROSE regarding his recent trip to Europe) and the contradiction of acquaintance by Mr. ROSE of

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KOVAL, additional investigation is felt warranted to ascertain the exact dates which WILLIAM RUSSELL ROSE visited Europe and whether such a trip was made by him prior to December 1950.

Washington Field Office is, therefore, requested to search the records of the Passport Division, U. S. Department of State, for information from their records pertaining to the Passport and travel performed by WILLIAM RUSSELL ROSE, specifically any information reflecting ROSE travelled to Europe prior to December 1950. It is also noted that ROSE advised he attended the University of Basel in Switzerland in 1939 during which he obtained a doctor's degree in chemistry.

For assistance of the Washington Field Office in checking records of the State Department, the following information pertaining to ROSE is set forth:

Records of the Retail Merchants Credit Association, Los Angeles, dated November 12, 1953, reflect that WILLIAM RUSSELL ROSE, age about 34, wife HILDA D. ROSE, resided at No. 2 Skyline Drive, Burbank, California, in 1953. Former addresses 664 South Oak Knoll, Pasadena, California, and 240 - 17th Street, Oakland, California. ROSE originally came from Cambridge, Massachusetts. Prior to his partnership in Signet Laboratories, he was employed for Esaron Pharmaceutical Supplies Company, 1812 Giorgio, Los Angeles, and prior thereto for the L. A. Butcher Company (Atom Bomb producers) and more previously one year at Oak Ridge project, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and more previously in U. S. Army from 1941 to 1945.

Records of Dun & Bradstreet, Los Angeles, reflect that WILLIAM RUSSELL ROSE was born about 1918 in Massachusetts. He came to California in 1920, obtained a B.A. Degree in chemistry at Stanford University, M.A. Degree at Columbia University and a doctor's degree at the University of Basel, Switzerland (no dates shown). He was formerly an Associate Professor at the University of California at Los Angeles and had conducted lectures at the University of Southern California.

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Los Angeles will locate and interview JACK JUPITER concerning his recollection of attending a New Year's Eve party with Mrs. MORDEZKY, nee Jean Finkelstein, in December 1950 and his knowledge, if any, of the conversation which Mrs. MORDEZKY advises she had with Mr. ROSE.

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TITLE OF CASE GEORGE KOVAL		REPORT MADE BY WALTER C. GUTHEIL, JR. jlk	TYPED BY
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SYNOPSIS: Members subject's ASTP Class, CCNY, as identified on photograph furnished by STEWARD D. BLOOM, set forth. ADOLPH BRESSNER, owner, Ace Electric Co., NYC, advised subject not formerly employed with that company. SEYMOUR D. USLAN, former member ASTP at CCNY, acquainted with KOVAL during 1943-1944, unable to recall any information concerning subject's former activities, suggesting latter's involvement in subversive activity. HERBERT J. SANDBERG, recontacted and identified unknown woman who appears in photograph with subject as Mrs. HELGA GOLDSTEIN, nee NATHEN. SANDBERG unable to furnish additional information regarding subject. IRVING WEISMAN recontacted and identified BERT DUDMAN, Chicago, Illinois, and ROBERT L. STERNBERG, graduate student at MIT, as former members subject's ASTP Class, CCNY. WEISMAN recalled KOVAL had girlfriend in Dayton, Ohio during 1945, whom subject described as "someone he almost married." Subject unknown to MAX BRAMBIER, former employee, Standard Lighting Fixture Co., B'klyn, NY. Subject identified as applicant for position at Amitas Corp., NYC, during 1948. Professor HERBERT TAUB, CCNY, unable to furnish significant information re subject's

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SYNOPSIS (CONT'D):

past activities. No record BVS, NYC, re reported death of WILLIAM A. ROSE during 1949. HERBERT HIRSCH, former employee, Raven Electric Co., identified JOSEPH FRIEDMAN, Jersey City, NJ, as probably having detailed information re relationship between KOVAL and BENJAMIN W. LASSEN.

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DETAILS: Information Furnished By
STEWARD D. BLOOM

SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR recontacted STEWARD D. BLOOM, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, Long Island, New York, on April 26, 1956, at which time BLOOM made available a group photograph of the subject's United States Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) Class at the College of the City of New York (CCNY). The photograph, which was described by BLOOM as taken on the campus of CCNY during the summer of 1943, included notations which identified the names and home residences (city and state) of each of the class members as follows:

FRANK MC CRACKIN - Drummond, Montana
DUANE WEISE - Orange, New Jersey
S. "PETE" PALADIM - Brooklyn, New York
ROBERT A. SMITH - Baulden, Colorado
ARTHUR J. NISEMBAUM - Cleveland, Ohio

WILL S. FISHER, JR. - Nashville, Tennessee
ROBERT F. STANLEY - Park Ridge, Illinois
ROY L. JOHNSON - Talent, Oregon
CLIFTON W. REED - Los Angeles, California
JOHN W. BOZEMAN - Cristobal, Canal Zone

ARNOLD KRAMISH - Denver, Colorado
FRED S. VREELAND - Memphis, Tennessee
JOSEPH T. KRZYZOSIOK - Steelton, Pennsylvania
HAROLD POLITINSKY - Paterson, New Jersey
GAROLD W. CURL - Tyndall, South Dakota

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It is noted that JOHN W. BOZEMAN, ARNOLD KRAMISH, and GAROLD W. CURL, identified above as former members of the subject's ASTP Class, CCNY, have been previously interviewed concerning the subject.

Interview with ADOLPH BRESSNER,
Owner, Ace Electric Company,
New York City

When interviewed by SAS HARRY H. WHIDBEE and JAMES A. MILLS at La Verne, California, on February 20, 1956, Mrs. JEAN MORDETZKY, admittedly acquainted with the subject at New York City, during 1948, advised that it was her recollection that during 1948, the subject had been employed with an electrical supply company known as the "Ace Electrical Company," located on 23rd Street, New York City.

Classified telephone directories, Borough of Manhattan, New York City, for the years 1948 through 1956, were reviewed on April 18, 1956, for the listing of electrical supply companies entitled, either "Ace Electric" or "Ace Electrical" which reflected a listing for the Ace Electric Company, 20 West 23rd Street, New York City, for the years 1948-1950, and the Ace Electric Company, 142 West 23rd Street, New York City, for the years 1950-1956.

ADOLPH BRESSNER, owner of Ace Electric Company, 142 West 23rd Street, New York City, was interviewed on April 25, 1956, and advised the following information:

He formed the Ace Electric Merchandising Company during the latter part of 1942, with the financial assistance of BENJAMIN W. LASSEN who, at the time, owned and operated the Raven Electric Company (REC) at 20 West 23rd Street, New York City. He met LASSEN during 1942, as

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a result of contacting the latter to purchase electrical supplies. LASSEN was described as a "silent partner" in the Ace Merchandising Electric Company and as not having participated in the operation of that company. The company was located on the basement floor in the building at 20 West 23rd Street, the site of the REC, which occupied the first and second floors.

During 1943, after doing business for approximately seven months, the Ace Merchandising Electric Company was liquidated, following which BRESSNER and FRANK TAMARIN formed the Ace Electric Company, located at 704 Sixth Avenue, New York City. BRESSNER subsequently purchased FRANK TAMARIN's interest in the Ace Electric Company, and re-located the business at 20 West 23rd Street, New York City. FRANK TAMARIN was described by BRESSNER as being possibly related to LASSEN and as an employee of the REC for a brief period during early 1943.

During 1950, after LASSEN's "sudden departure from the United States", BRESSNER re-located his company at its present location, 142 West 23rd Street, New York City.

BRESSNER stated that although he operated his business for a number of years in the same building as the REC, he had no connection with that company and had little contact with the employees of that firm. A 1948 passport photograph of the subject was displayed to BRESSNER, who stated that although the photograph reminded him of someone he had known as a business contact, he was unable to identify the photograph or recall the name GEORGE KOVAL. He emphatically stated that GEORGE KOVAL had never been employed with either the defunct Ace Merchandising Electric Company or the Ace Electric Company.

Concerning BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, BRESSNER stated it is his recollection that LASSEN had worked as a construction engineer during the 1930's, which included supervising the installation of "hydro-electric dynamos," at a hydro-electric project near Warsaw, Poland.

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Regarding LASSEN's connection with a hydro-electric project in Poland during the 1930's, as reported by BRESSNER, it is noted that HERBERT J. SANDBERG, an associate of the subject until the time of the latter's departure from the United States during October, 1948, advised SAS WALTER C. GUTHEIL, JR. and DANIEL A. FLYNN, on May 18, 1955, that the subject possibly is employed in Poland in connection with the construction of an "electrical power plant." SANDBERG attributed his belief concerning the subject's foreign employment to statements made by the latter just prior to KOVAL's departure from the United States during 1948.

BENJAMIN W. LASSEN

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised the following information during July, 1952, attributed to T-2, whom T-1 has described as having supplied accurate information in the past, but who has apparently withheld information on various occasions.

(S) Based upon the known activities and background of BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, owner of the REC, New York City, it was T-2's opinion that LASSEN is identical with the unknown Soviet Agent [redacted]

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Information Furnished by
SEYMOUR D. USLAN

SEYMOUR D. USLAN, employed with Zerlan Books, Incorporated, 67 West 44th Street, New York City, was contacted on April 18, 1956, and advised the following information:

He identified a photograph of the subject as GEORGE KOVAL, who during the period 1943-1944, was a member of the ASTP at CCNY. USLAN noted that KOVAL was in the first class of that group, whereas he (USLAN) was a member of the second class. USLAN recalled that his last contact with the subject was during early 1944, when the latter was assigned to the Manhattan Engineers District (MED) at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, directly following which USLAN was assigned to the MED at Los Alamos, New Mexico. USLAN stated that both he and the subject matriculated at CCNY as "G.I. students" subsequent to World War II, but stated he had no significant contact with the subject during that period, since KOVAL was an electrical engineering student, while he was a student of physics. To the best of his recollection, USLAN could not recall an act, statement, or association of the subject which suggested that the latter may have been engaged in subversive activities.

USLAN described the nature of his relationship with the subject during 1943-1944, as "casual" and noted that he recalled nothing concerning KOVAL's background or present whereabouts.

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It is noted that SEYMOUR D. USLAN was described by HERBERT J. SANDBERG, previously mentioned, on May 18, 1955, as a member of the ASTP, CCNY, who was "a close acquaintance of the subject's during the period 1943-1944."

Recontact of HERBERT J. SANDBERG

During the interview of JEAN MORDETZKY by SAS WHIDBEE and MILLS at La Verne, California on February 20, 1956, Mrs. MORDETZKY identified one HERBERT or "HERBIE", a physics instructor at CCNY during 1948, as an individual who was considered by KOVAL as among his best friends.

It is noted that when originally interviewed by SA HARRY E. HINDERLITER on February 23, 1955, HERBERT J. SANDBERG advised that he had been acquainted with the subject when he (SANDBERG) was teaching physics at CCNY during the period 1946-1948.

Mrs. MORDETZKY, on February 20, 1956, furnished to SA WHIDBEE a photograph of the subject and an unknown woman. The photograph was described by MORDETZKY as probably taken some time during the summer of 1947.

HERBERT J. SANDBERG was recontacted at his residence, [redacted] New York City, on April 26, 1956, and advised as follows:

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Upon observing the photograph of the subject and an unknown woman, SANDBERG identified the unknown woman as Mrs. HELGA GOLDSTEIN, nee NATHEN, presently residing at [redacted] Street, Jackson Heights, Long Island, New York.

SANDBERG recalled that the subject dated HELGA GOLDSTEIN during 1948, and described their relationship as "casual".

The indices of the New York Office, FBI, as reviewed on April 27, 1956, reflected no information that could be determined identifiable with Mrs. HELGA GOLDSTEIN, nee NATHEN.

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When questioned concerning any information he might recall regarding the subject's alleged association with a zoology professor at Columbia University, or two individuals with whom KOVAL reportedly played tennis in the Boston, Massachusetts area, SANDBERG could not identify former acquaintances of the subject on the basis of that information. SANDBERG stated that the only out of state travel he recalled concerning the subject was a trip KOVAL made during the summer of 1948 to Washington, D. C., regarding application for a passport.

SANDBERG was questioned regarding the identity of a woman known as "RUTH", an artist and former resident of [redacted] New York City, who reportedly was mutually acquainted with SANDBERG and KOVAL during 1948. SANDBERG replied that he could not recall a former female acquaintance of his or the subject fitting that general description.

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Concerning the above statements by SANDBERG, the following statements made by Mrs. JEAN MORDETZKY to SAS WHIDBEE and MILLS on February 20, 1956, are noted:

The subject, an enthusiastic tennis player, prior to 1948, travelled to Boston, Massachusetts to visit two very close friends with whom he played tennis. The subject was closely associated with a zoology professor at Columbia University during 1948.

"HERBIE" and the subject, during 1948, were mutually acquainted with a woman named "RUTH", an artist who had an apartment on [redacted] New York City.

The subject made two trips during the time MORDETZKY knew him. The first trip was early in 1948, possibly the latter part of March, 1948, when KOVAL travelled to Washington, D. C. In the summer of 1948, KOVAL left New York City for a trip to the midwest, vaguely recalled as having been to Kansas City, Missouri.

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Recontact With IRVING WEISMAN

IRVING WEISMAN, a former member of the ASTP at CCNY who, when originally interviewed by SAS GUTHEIL and DONOHUE on May 25, 1955, advised he knew the subject during the period 1943-1944, and 1946-1948, was recontacted on May 7, 1956, and advised as follows:

He was unable to furnish any information concerning the subject's reported association with a zoology professor at Columbia University; two individuals with whom the subject reportedly played tennis in the Boston, Massachusetts area; or a female acquaintance of the subject named "RUTH." WEISMAN also stated he could not recall any travel made by the subject outside the state of New York.

WEISMAN was informed of the names of the members of the subject's ASTP Class, CCNY, and was questioned regarding any information he could furnish regarding their present or last known whereabouts.

WEISMAN stated that he has not been in recent contact with any of the former ASTP members and was unable to furnish information regarding their present whereabouts. WEISMAN described one BERT DUDMAN, last known to be residing in Chicago, Illinois, as a member of the subject's ASTP Class, not included in the list of names mentioned to him. DUDMAN was further described as one of the subject's closest acquaintances during the period 1943-1944, and as one who might possibly be able to furnish considerable information concerning the subject's activities during that period.

WEISMAN noted that during the ASTP training period at CCNY, KOVAL associated primarily with BERT DUDMAN, JOHN W. BOZEMAN, GAROLD W. CURL, and ROBERT L. STERNBERG. It was noted that STERNBERG was not a member of the subject's ASTP Class, but was in the class behind KOVAL's group. The last information known to WEISMAN concerning STERNBERG's whereabouts is that the latter was enrolled in the graduate school of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) during 1954. WEISMAN believed that STERNBERG's home residence was in Chicago, Illinois.

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WEISMAN was questioned regarding any information he could furnish concerning a girl named JANET FISHER, whom the subject may have known at Dayton, Ohio during the latter's assignment with the MED, Dayton, Ohio, during 1945. WEISMAN replied that the subject had mentioned a girl he dated during his tour of duty at Dayton, Ohio, and recalled that the subject had described that girl as "someone he had almost married." WEISMAN could not recall the girl's name or the name JANET FISHER.

It is noted that when interviewed by SAA EUGENE I. TUGGEY, JR. at Miamisburg, Ohio, on April 18, 1956, JOHN L. BRADLEY, the subject's roommate during the latter's assignment at MED, Dayton, Ohio, during 1945, recalled that the subject had some contact with one JANET FISHER during the summer of 1945.

Mrs. EDITH C. FISHER, Dayton, Ohio, when contacted by SAA TUGGEY on April 18, 1956, stated that her daughter, JANET, knew the subject during 1945. JANET FISHER was described by Mrs. FISHER as presently married to HENRY J. BOWKER, and as presently residing with her husband in Marne, France.

Information Furnished by MAX BRAMBIER

MAX BRAMBIER, salesman, Hobb Electric Company, [redacted] was contacted on April 25, 1956, and advised as follows:

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He is unable to identify the name GEORGE KOVAL and the subject's photograph as a former business contact, or otherwise known, at the Standard Lighting Fixture Company (SLF) Brooklyn, New York. BRAMBIER stated he was employed with the SLF from approximately 1940 through 1948, at which time the business was owned by one ABRAHAM COHEN, who at that time resided at Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

BRAMBIER, who described his position with the SLF as "Store Manager", stated that he could neither recall any

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business dealings between the SLF and the REC, nor identify the name BENJAMIN W. LASSEN.

It is noted that WILLIAM FANE, an instructor at CCNY, advised on November 29, 1955, that the subject had a "contact" for the purchase of electrical equipment at an electrical retail store located at the corners of Flatbush and Lafayette Avenues, Brooklyn, New York.

EDWARD STEIGER, Clerk, SLF, located at the corners of Flatbush and Lafayette Avenues, Brooklyn, New York, advised on February 24, 1956, that the SLF formerly did business with the REC, which was operated during the 1940's by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN. STEIGER, who was unable to identify the subject's name and photograph, identified MAX BRAMETER, Hobb Electric Company, New York City, as a former "counterman" SLF, who might have information regarding the REC and the subject.

Inquiry at the Amitas Corporation, New York City

JOHN NEWMAN, Personnel Manager, Amitas Corporation, 50 Broadway, New York City, advised on April 10, 1956, that a review of the active and inactive personnel records of that company failed to disclose a record for the name GEORGE KOVAL.

SAMUEL LEVINE, Consultant Engineer and Director of the Engineer Recruitment Program of the Amitas Corporation, advised on April 10, 1956, that he recalls the name GEORGE KOVAL and the latter's photograph as an applicant for the position of "Foreign Representative" during 1948. LEVINE recalled that following an introductory interview, KOVAL indicated he was not interested in the position offered to him, and as a result, did not file a written application. LEVINE was unable to recall additional information concerning the subject.

It is noted that when interviewed on January 26, 1956, CECILE FORLICK, electrical engineering professor at

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CCNY, advised that following his graduation from CCNY in 1948, she recommended the subject for employment at the Amintas Corporation, 50 Broadway, New York City.

Information Furnished by HERBERT TAUB,
Professor of Electrical Engineering, CCNY

Professor HERBERT TAUB, Professor of Electrical Engineering, CCNY, was contacted on April 6, 1956, and advised as follows:

He identified the subject's photograph as GEORGE KOVAL, an ASTP student at CCNY during the period 1943-1944, and as a student in the Electrical Engineering Department, CCNY, subsequent to World War II. A review of TAUB's class enrollment records disclosed that the subject was enrolled in an advanced mathematics class taught by TAUB during the Fall semester, 1947. TAUB recalled the subject as an "exceptionally able student", but was unable to furnish any significant information concerning the subject's background, activities and associates.

Regarding WILLIAM A. ROSE

The death records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, New York City, which includes all boroughs of New York City, caused to be searched by SA WILLIAM T. FIELD, JR. on April 10, 1956, failed to disclose a record of death for WILLIAM A. ROSE, during the year 1949.

T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available information on May 8, 1955, which reflected that WILLIAM A. ROSE, Consultant Engineer, REC, appeared at Local Board #126, Selective Service System, New York City, during July, 1942, to request an extension of the subject's selective service deferment at that board.

Lieutenant JOSEPH WARD, Intelligence Section,

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United States Coast Guard, on October 19, 1955, made available information regarding WILLIAM A. ROSE, which disclosed that the latter, born at Boston, Massachusetts on October 13, 1876, resided at 71 Ridge Road, Rutherford, New Jersey, during 1942.

Mrs. D. R. GATES, [redacted] Rutherford, New Jersey, advised SA LOUIS F. HIBAN, JR. on December 29, 1955, that she owned the residence at 71 Ridge Road, Rutherford, New Jersey, from about 1941 through 1944.

WILLIAM A. ROSE was identified by Mrs. GATES as a resident at her property from 1941 to 1944. Mrs. GATES advised of having received a letter from ROSE's wife, BERTHA CALLEY ROSE, 103 Hemmingway Road, Boston, Massachusetts, in 1949, which disclosed that WILLIAM A. ROSE had died in the Spring of 1949.

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Mrs. EULA A. BOYADIS, [redacted] Street, Boston, Massachusetts, advised on February 3, 1956, that Mrs. BERTHA ROSE died during 1950, or 1951, and that WILLIAM A. ROSE had died in New York, during 1949.

Information Furnished by HERBERT HIRSCH

HERBERT HIRSCH was interviewed by SAS GUTHEIL and FLYNN on May 3, 1956, and advised as follows:

He was employed as a clerk with the REC, New York City, owned by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, from approximately April, 1941, through October, 1942. He identified the subject's photograph as GEORGE KOVAL and described the latter as a former employee of the REC during the period 1940-1942. He recalled that KOVAL was extremely close to LASSEN and during 1942, was LASSEN's "key employee." KOVAL's principal function for the REC was to bid on various Government sub-contracts. HIRSCH could not recall the titles of the companies from which the REC received Government contracts, but described the REC's participation in that type of business as "extensive at that time." HIRSCH could

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not recall any significant information concerning the subject, and stated that he has no reason to believe that the subject and BENJAMIN W. LASSEN were engaged in subversive activity during the period of his (HIRSCH's) employment with the REC. HIRSCH identified JOSEPH FRIEDMAN as a former business associate of LASSEN who had some connection with the REC and who would probably have some detailed information regarding the nature of the relationship between the subject and LASSEN. HIRSCH believed that FRIEDMAN is presently operating an electrical supply store in Jersey City, New Jersey.

It is noted that when interviewed by SA BENSON R. MOORE at Newark, New Jersey, on February 29, 1956, ARTHUR OBERSTEIN, who assisted BENJAMIN W. LASSEN in the organization of the REC during 1940, advised the following:

JOSEPH FRIEDMAN, General Manager, Garfunkel, Incorporated, Hoboken Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, is an individual who would probably be in a position to furnish information regarding employees of the REC, subsequent to 1941.

MISCELLANEOUS

T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on December 27, 1955, that HARRY or GOLDIE GURSHTEL, [redacted] Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California, received correspondence on December 10, 1955, from "Zamlungen, P.O.B. 179 Cooper Station, New York 3, New York".

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It is noted that when interviewed at Sioux City, Iowa, on March 10, 1955, by SA HAYNE A. THOMPSON, MAX DERVIN identified HARRY and GOLDIE GURSHTEL, residents of Los Angeles, California, as the subject's uncle and aunt.

T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 19, 1956, that "Zamlungen P.O.B. 179, Cooper Station, New York City," is a publication edited by one LOUIS MILLER, located in care of Prompt Press, 113 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

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According to the "Morning Freiheit" of November 5, 1953, on page two, columns one and two, the first issue of "Zamlungen", which is to be published by the Jewish Writers Club of the Yiddisher Kultur Farband, will be published on January 1, 1954.

The Yiddisher Kultur Farband has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In a report made by the California Committee on Un-American Activities during 1948, the "Morning Freiheit" was cited as "the official Communist newspaper published in the Yiddish tongue. For many years, M. J. OLGIN was Editor of Freiheit. OLGIN was one of the outstanding leaders of the Communist Party in the United States for 20 years."

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Possible identification of LASSEN as

July, 1952

Inter-viewed by 222
[redacted] mentioned in letter from Liaison Office, Ottawa, Canada, to Bureau, 7/8/52.

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For the information of the Kansas City Office, which office has not received a prior communication regarding this investigation, the following brief summary is set forth:

(S) Investigation concerning the subject has established that during 1942, he was employed with the Raven Electric Co., NYC, owned by BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, a [redacted] unknown Soviet Agent known by the [redacted]. During 1945, he was employed in the [redacted] and Physics Dept. of the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, Tenn., where he had access to material that could have varied from "unclassified" to "top secret." In 1948, while allegedly employed by the Atlas Trading Corp., NYC, as a "commissioned representative," he was issued a passport for travel to various European countries, which included Poland. On 10/6/48, he departed the US aboard the SS AMERICA destined for Le Havre, France. His whereabouts since that period are unknown. Available background data developed in Sioux City, Iowa, reflects that KOVAL is a native born US citizen of Polish derivation, who departed the US in 1932, with his parents and brothers. He possibly resided in Russia, or outside the US, from 1932 to 1939 or 1941. He was educated as an electrical engineer at the University of Iowa during 1929 to 1932, and received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree at the College of the City of NY, on 2/1/48. b1

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BOSTON

At Cambridge, Massachusetts

Will review the student records of MIT in an

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attempt to identify ROBERT L. STERNBERG, reportedly a graduate student at that school during 1954. If successful in identifying STERNBERG, will either interview him regarding the subject or set out necessary leads to locate him for interview.

CHICAGO

At Chicago, Illinois

Will, through appropriate record checks, attempt to identify and locate BERT DUDMAN, reportedly a former ASTP student at CCNY, to interview him regarding the subject.

KANSAS CITY

At Kansas City, Missouri

Will review office indices and conduct appropriate record checks to develop any available background data regarding the subject, it being noted the subject reportedly travelled to Kansas City, Mo. some time during 1948.

LOS ANGELES (Info)

One copy of this report has been designated for the LA Office, inasmuch as that office is presently conducting investigation concerning this case.

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NEWARK

At Jersey City, New Jersey

Will interview JOSEPH FRIEDMAN, General Manager, Garfunkel, Inc., Hoboken Ave., regarding his knowledge of the subject's activities and the latter's relationship with BENJAMIN W. LASSEN.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will interview Mrs. HELGA GOLDSTEIN, nee NATHEN, at [redacted] Long Island, NY, re subject. ✓

2. Will review the faculty records at Columbia University to identify professors of the Zoology Dept. for the year 1948. ✓

3. Will attempt to locate ABRAHAM COHEN, Ocean St., B'klyn, former owner of the SLF, to interview him regarding the subject and BENJAMIN W. LASSEN. ✓

4. Will identify unknown individual of [redacted] NYC, who was a correspondent of H. GURSHTEL, subject's uncle, on 12/13/55. ✓

5. Will identify ERIC GLUCKNER, who was a recipient of a telegram from EUGENE SILVER on 9/10/55. ✓

*6. Will recontact LEON HAROLD TAMARIN, 82-40 [redacted] Long Island, NY, concerning discrepancies in information previously furnished by him concerning his father's (FRANK TAMARIN) knowledge regarding BENJAMIN LASSEN and the subject. ✓

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*7. Will continue indices review regarding FRANCISCO PETRINOVIC, to develop information which might assist this investigation.

REFERENCE Report of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, JR., 3/22/56,
New York.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

SAC, NEW YORK (65-16756)

GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE-R

5/25/66

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Transmitted herewith are five copies of the report
of SA WALTER C. GUTHEIL, JR., dated and captioned as above, at
NY.

In an attempt to ascertain the subject's present
whereabouts, and since this investigation has disclosed some
indication that he has been employed in Poland since his
departure from the US during Oct., 1948, the Bureau is
requested to consider the advisability of contacting the US
Dept. of State to ascertain if there is any record for the
subject at the US Embassy, Warsaw, Poland.

To utilize all available sources to develop
information concerning the subject's foreign residence since
Oct., 1948, the Bureau is requested to consider the
advisability of the following:

Request to contact its foreign sources in
Poland regarding the subject.

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Contact JOZEF SWIATLO, Polish Govt. security official,
defector, at Wash., D. C., regarding the subject.

To assist the Bureau in the event the above-requested
investigation is deemed advisable, the following brief summary of
information that has been developed concerning the subject is
noted:

GEORGE KOVAL was employed by the Raven Electric Co.,
(REC), NYC, during the approximate period 1941 to 1943. The
REC was operated by BENJAMIN W. TASSEN, a suspected Soviet Agent
who has been identified as the prime suspect for the subject of
the investigation entitled, "UNSUB; was
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KOVAL was inducted into the US Army on 2/4/43, and
during 1945, was assigned to the Manhattan Engineers District
(MED), Oak Ridge, Tenn., which assignment reportedly gave him

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Re: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE-R

MAY 25 1956

access to "top secret" information. Recent investigation has disclosed that KOVAL was also assigned to the Dayton, Ohio area installation of the MED prior to his honorable discharge from the US Army in 1946. Following his discharge, KOVAL matriculated at the College of the City of NY (CCNY), where he was awarded a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree on 2/1/48.

On 3/15/48, KOVAL was issued a passport for proposed travel to France, Belgium, Switzerland, Sweden, and Poland, as a representative of the Atlas Trading Corp. (ATC), NYC.

Investigation at the ATC, NYC, has failed to reflect a record of KOVAL's employment with that company, or his proposed travel abroad during 1948.

P. R. RINCONES, former Managing Executive, ATC, when contacted by [] at Venezuela on 5/26/55, advised that he may have written a letter to the State Dept. to request a passport for KOVAL at the direction of FRANCISCO PETRONOVIC, described as the former owner of the ATC, who died in Chile around 1950. PETRONOVIC, a native of Yugoslavia, was a naturalized Chilean citizen. The degree of association between KOVAL and PETRONOVIC is unknown.

Information furnished by an individual acquainted with KOVAL until the latter's departure from the US during 1948, suggests the possibility that KOVAL may have travelled first to Paris, France and then to Poland for employment in connection with a hydro-electric project in that country. In that connection, BENJAMIN W. LASSEN, previously mentioned also apparently travelled to Poland with his family during 1950, to which country he travelled extensively from the US during the 1930's.

Departure manifest records of the "SS AMERICA," as viewed on 5/9/55, reflect that KOVAL departed the US at New York on 10/6/48, destined for Le Havre, France.

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LETTER TO DIRECTOR

Re: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE-R

He was born in Sioux City, Iowa on 12/25/13, and resided in that city with his parents, ABRAM BERKO KOVAL, born Poland, and ETHEL, nee SHENISKE, born Poland, until around 1932. During 1932 or 1933, the entire KOVAL family, including the subject and his two brothers, ISATAH and GABRIEL, reportedly departed the US. for Russia.

DESCRIPTION (1948)

Name	GEORGE KOVAL
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	12/25/13, Sioux City, Iowa
Height	6' 1"
Weight	170 lbs.
Build	Tall and slender
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Medium-dark
Marital Status	Single
Occupation	Electrical Engineer

Two photographs of the subject are being enclosed for the Bureau.



In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

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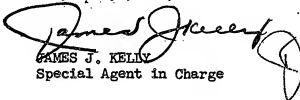
This will confirm receipt of information concerning the
following telephone numbers:

[Redacted Box]

This information was needed in connection with an
official investigation being conducted by this office.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,


JAMES J. KELLY
Special Agent in Charge

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Letter to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Director
Office of Security,
Department of State

It will be appreciated if you will have the records of the United States Embassy in Warsaw, Poland, checked for any information which may be contained therein regarding the subject. [redacted] is requested to check its foreign sources in Poland for any information which can be developed regarding the subject. [redacted] is also requested to interview Jozef Sulatko, the Polish Government security official who defected abroad and who is presently in this country.

For your assistance, Koval was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on December 25, 1913, and resided in that city with his parents, Abram Berko Koval and Ethel Koval, nee Shenfiske, who were born in Poland. The family left Sioux City in 1932 or 1933 and reportedly departed for Russia.

There are enclosed for your convenience and for the convenience of [redacted] two copies each of a photograph of the subject, made in approximately 1948. Subject was described in 1948 as follows:

Name:	George Koval
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	December 25, 1913, Sioux City, Iowa
Height:	6 feet 1 inch
Weight:	170 pounds
Build:	Tall, slender
Eyes:	Brown
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Medium-dark
Marital Status:	Single
Occupation:	Electrical Engineer
Brothers:	Isaiah and Gabriel

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Letter to Mr. Dennis A. Flinn
Director
Office of Security
Department of State

An early reply will be appreciated.

Enclosures (2)

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Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-62911)

6/21/56

SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-6124)

GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory -
Cryptanalysis Section

Origin: New York

On 6/19/56 Mrs. GOLDIE GURSHTEL, subject's aunt, who resides at [redacted] Sherman Oaks, California, telephonically contacted this office and advised she had received a letter from subject's father, ABRAHAM KOVAL, from Russia. b6 b7C

On 6/19/56 SAs CHESTER C. ORTON and HARRY H. WHIDBEE reinterviewed Mrs. GURSHTEL and examined the letter described above. She advises the letter is written in the Russian language, was postmarked 5/22/56 in Russia, and she received it on Friday, 6/15/56. She recognizes the handwriting as that of her brother, ABRAHAM KOVAL. She states the letter contained only news of ABRAHAM KOVAL's family as follows:

GABRIEL KOVAL, subject's youngest brother, had been killed while fighting the Nazi army during World War II in 1943; that subject's mother, ETHEL, had died in 1952 of cancer; that ISAIAH, the oldest brother, is married and has four children. ABRAHAM KOVAL now resides with ISAIAH and his wife; that GEORGE KOVAL is now in Moscow teaching in the chemical institute known as Mendeleev. Subject lives with his wife, LUDMILA (? sp) but has no children.

This letter was furnished by Mrs. GURSHTEL to the FBI. However, she requested that it be returned to her when no longer of any use to the FBI.

Three photographs, one each of the front and back of the one-page letter written in the Russian language and one of the envelope in which the letter was contained, are enclosed herewith to the Bureau, Attention FBI Laboratory - Cryptanalysis Section, for examination. Three photographs as described above are being enclosed for the New York Office.

The Cryptanalysis Section, FBI Laboratory, is requested to translate from the Russian language to English the contents of this letter and the return address appearing on the envelope written in the Russian language and furnish copies of this translation to New York and Los Angeles. 65-16756-135

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Re: GEORGE KOVAL
ESPIONAGE - R

Los Angeles will hold the original of this letter until results of the above translation are received from the FBI Laboratory, after which the original will be returned to Mrs. GURSHTEL.

A report reflecting results of interviews conducted with the subject's relatives in Los Angeles is now under preparation at Los Angeles.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT NEWARK	DATE WHEN MADE 6/27/56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/22, 25/56	REPORT MADE BY BENSON R. MOORE	jaq
TITLE GEORGE KOVAL			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JOSEPH FRIEDMAN, former Raven Electric Co. employee, advised he knew subject well in 1942, however, unable to recall any pertinent information regarding subject's background, associates, or relationship with BENJAMIN W. LASSEN.

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DETAILS:

On June 25, 1956, Mr. JOSEPH FRIEDMAN, General Manager, Garfunkel, Inc., Hoboken Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, advised SA BENSON R. MOORE that he had been employed by the Raven Electric Company, New York City, during 1942 and 1943 as manager. He stated that during this period, subject was also an employee and that he and subject had become very friendly. Mr. FRIEDMAN said that the subject had been a guest in his home on at least two occasions, and that on other occasions they had gone out together to various social functions.

According to Mr. FRIEDMAN, subject was quite friendly by nature, but never discussed his background in any way. Also, Mr. FRIEDMAN said that he somehow got the

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